

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Seventh Prudence Review)
of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved)
Fuel Adjustment Clause of The Empire District)
Electric Company.)

Case No. EO-2018-0244

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its response to the Commission's September 19, 2018 Order Directing Filing states that OPC has raised the same objections to Staff's recommendation that OPC raised in a similar previous case, Case No. EO-2017-0065, which is currently on appeal at the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals in case no. WD81627. Because the parties and issues in that case are similar to the parties and issues in this case, it would be administratively efficient to wait until the Court has disposed of the case on appeal before proceeding further in this case.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accept its response and hold further proceedings in abeyance.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 20th day of September 2018.

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