

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers)
in the Company's Missouri Service Area.) Case No. ER-2014-0351

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S RESPONSE TO
SECOND MOTION TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Second Motion to file Supplemental Testimony states as follows:

1. On December 22, 2014, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed its Second Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Direct Testimony requesting leave of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to file the Supplemental Direct Testimony of Mr. Aaron J. Doll.
2. In its Motion, Empire states: “Empire and OPC have continued to discuss Empire’s direct testimony on issues related to Empire’s requested continuation of its FAC, and Empire has determined that the attached Supplemental Direct Testimony of Aaron J. Doll should be filed in order to address concerns raised by OPC.”
3. Public Counsel again wishes to note the willingness of Empire to discuss Public Counsel’s concerns that Empire’s direct testimony regarding proposed continuation of its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) did not meet the minimum filing requirements under 4 CSR 240-3.161. Public Counsel appreciates Empire’s voluntary filing of the Supplemental Direct

Testimony of Mr. Doll in order to address Public Counsel's concerns. As a result, Public Counsel has no objection to Empire's Motion.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its response.

Respectfully submitted,

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