

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the 2017 RES Compliance Report)
and 2018 RES Compliance Plan of)
The Empire District Electric Company) **File No. EO-2018-0285**

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: April 10, 2018

Effective Date: April 10, 2018

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting the *Motion for Protective Order*¹ (“motion”) filed by The Empire District Electric Company.

The Commission’s confidentiality regulation allows greater protections on the filing of a motion describing the information at issue and the grounds for greater protection, including possible harm from disclosure.² The motion alleges possible harm from disclosure because the information is commercially sensitive. Such greater protections would not alter the access to information of the Commission’s staff and the Office of the Public Counsel already provided by law, nor to the Missouri Division of Energy.

The Commission will grant the motion and incorporate by reference the greater protection proposed in the motion verbatim.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Motion for Protective Order* (“motion”) is granted.
2. The following protections apply:
 - a. Certain materials and information divulged by Empire shall be considered to be “Highly Confidential” if so designated at the time of disclosure.

¹ Electronic Filing Information System No. 1 (April 10, 2018).

² 4 CSR 240-2.135(3) and (4).

b. With regard to entities and individuals other than the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Division of Energy:

i. Disclosure of materials or information so designated shall be made only to attorneys and/or to such outside consultants who have executed a Commission Nondisclosure Agreement. No Highly Confidential information shall be provided directly or indirectly to any non-attorney individual or employee.

ii. Persons afforded access to materials or information designated “Highly Confidential” shall neither use nor disclose such materials or information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than in regard to the case referenced above and shall keep the materials and information secure and confidential and in accordance with the purposes and intent of the protective order. iii.

All material and information designated as “Highly Confidential” in the possession of any entity or person, as well as any notes pertaining to such information, shall be returned to Empire or destroyed upon the conclusion of the referenced case.

c. If a party disagrees with the “Highly Confidential” designation of any information, the party shall follow the informal discovery dispute resolution procedures set forth in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(8). If the party exhausts these dispute resolution procedures, the party may file a motion challenging the designation..

3. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th April, 2018.

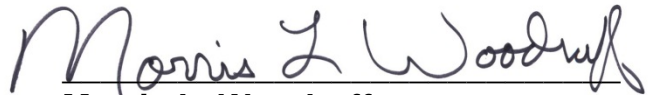
STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 10th day of April 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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