

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's 2019 Triennial Compliance)
Filing Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22)

File No. EO-2019-0049

STAFF NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through Staff Counsel's Office, and files this Notice Of Request For Extension Of Time To File Staff Report. In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

1. On June 28, 2019, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed its 2019 Chapter 22 Electric Resource Plan. 20 CSR 4240-22.080(7) provides that Staff shall conduct a limited review of each triennial compliance filing and shall file a report not later than 150 days after each utility's scheduled triennial compliance filing date. One hundred-fifty days from June 28, 2019 is November 25, 2019.

2. Due to recent Commission direction in other utility cases, Staff recently asked Empire and one of its consultants to perform some further analysis for Staff and they have agreed to do so. This additional analysis will take Empire and its consultant until approximately November 20, 2019, to produce and provide to Staff the data/information that Staff has requested. Until Staff sees the data/information and workpapers, with formulas intact, Staff will not be able to project how much additional time it will need to file its Report. Thus, Staff proposes to file a Status Report with the Commission no later than December 13, 2019, regarding the date comprising the additional time it is requesting to file its Staff Report.

3. Staff notes that 20 CSR 4240-22.080(15) provides that the Commission may extend or reduce any of the time periods specified in this rule for good cause shown.

The good cause shown for extending the time period specified for the Staff Report is that Staff's Report will be more comprehensive and will provide more insight to certain areas of Empire's filing based on the additional analysis Empire and its consultant have agreed to perform.

4. Undersigned counsel for Staff inquired of counsel for Empire if Staff may represent that Empire has no objection to Staff's request for an extension of time and counsel for Empire indicated that Empire consents to Staff's request for additional time.

WHEREFORE Staff files its Notice Of Request For Extension Of Time To File Staff Report.

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 in File No. EO-2019-0049 this 8th day of November, 2019.

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