

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

In The Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Infrastructure Standards Compliance) **File No. EO-2018-0402**
Plan Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-23.020(3))

ORDER DIRECTING EMPIRE TO RESPOND

Issue Date: July 11, 2018

Effective Date: July 11, 2018

The Empire District Electric Company filed its 2017 Reliability Compliance Report on June 29, 2018, as it is required to do by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.020(3). The Office of the Public Counsel responded to that report on July 10, raising concerns about aspects of the report. The Commission will direct Empire to respond to Public Counsel's concerns.

The Commission also notes that Empire filed its report as entirely confidential pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)5. That confidential designation makes it impossible to describe the nature of Public Counsel’s concerns in this order. The section of the Commission’s confidentiality rule upon which Empire relies, allows for the confidential designation of “reports, work papers, or other documentation related to work produced by internal or external auditors, consultants, or attorneys....” However, 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(B) requires that “any information designated as confidential shall be submitted with a cover sheet or pleading describing how such information qualifies as confidential” Empire did not include such a cover sheet or pleading with its report. The Commission also notes that Ameren Missouri, KCP&L, and GMO filed their reliability

compliance reports as public documents. The Commission will direct Empire to explain why its compliance report should be designated as confidential.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Empire District Electric Company shall respond to the concerns raised by Public Counsel in its July 10, 2018 pleading by July 25, 2018.
2. The Empire District Electric Company shall explain why its 2017 Reliability Compliance Report should be treated as confidential no later than July 25, 2018.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of July, 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 11th day of July 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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