

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Submission of its 2014 Renewable) **File No. EO-2014-0285**
Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: May 2, 2014

Effective Date: May 2, 2014

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting the *Missouri Division of Energy's [DoE's] Application to Intervene*,¹ with a limitation.

The Commission opened this file for the annual report and annual plan² ("RES report and plan") of The Empire District Electric Company regarding renewable energy standards ("RES").³ Upon the opening of such file, the Commission's regulations require notice,⁴ a Staff report,⁵ and the opportunity for comment from "any interested persons or entities[.]"⁶ Under that language, intervention is unnecessary for such person to file comments on the report and plan. But the report and plan are highly confidential in part, and highly confidential material is available only through a "party."⁷ A "party" includes an intervenor, and intervenors are expressly contemplated in an investigation.⁸

¹ Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 3, filed on April 18, 2014.

² EFIS No. 1, *Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report 2013 and Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan 2014*, filed on April 14, 2014. The Commission has amended the caption of this file to reflect which utility filed those documents.

³ 4 CSR 240-20.100.

⁴ 4 CSR 240-20.100(C).

⁵ 4 CSR 240-20.100(D).

⁶ 4 CSR 240-20.100(E).

⁷ 4 CSR 240-2.135(5).

⁸ 4 CSR 240-2.110(5)(A).

DoE is uniquely suited to comment on the RES report and plan. Granting DoE access to highly confidential information is likely to improve the quality of DoE's comments. Therefore, granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest.⁹

But an investigation is all that this file includes. Though the Commission may issue a procedural schedule, no law requires any final order or any other further procedure on the filing of a RES report and plan. Therefore, the Commission will grant intervention limited¹⁰ to accessing the highly confidential versions of the RES report and plan.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Missouri Division of Energy's Application to Intervene* is granted as described in the body of this order.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of May, 2014.

⁹ 4 CSR 240-2.075(3)(B).

¹⁰ 4 CSR 240-2.075(9).