

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

In the Matter of a Working Case to)	
Consider Mechanisms to Encourage)	File No. EW-2016-0041
Infrastructure Efficiency)	

EMPIRE RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT

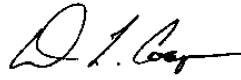
COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), and, in response to the Staff Investigation and Report, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On December 11, 2015, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Investigation and Report.
2. In response to the Investigation and Report, Empire would like to clarify one matter. On page 16, the Investigation and Report contains a pie chart that represents that 3% of Empire's cost of service is made up of Energy Efficiency spending, based on the direct case accounting schedules filed by Staff in Empire's last rate case (Case No. ER-2014-0351). Staff utilized this number because that rate case was resolved by a stipulation and agreement.
3. However, the 3% figure is not an accurate representation of Empire's spending in this area. Based upon the amount of Energy Efficiency dollars included in rates as a result of the last rate case (around \$1.4 million per year), Empire's Energy Efficiency cost is approximately 0.31 percent of the revenue requirement/cost of service.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests the Commission consider this response

and issue such orders as it should find to be just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,



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