BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Electric Company and Ozark Electric)	Case No. EO-2019-0381
Cooperative for Approval of a Written Territorial)	Tariff No. YE-2020-0089
Agreement Designating the Boundaries of)	
Exclusive Service Areas within Christian County)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and submits its Staff Recommendation and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

- 1. As noted in the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* ("Order") issued herein on November 25, 2019, "On July 31, 2019, the Commission issued its *Report and Order Approving Third Territorial Agreement*. Its effective date was August 30. The order approved the territorial agreement and ordered The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) to file revised tariff sheets to reflect the territorial agreement."
- 2. On November 22, 2019, Empire filed proposed compliance tariff sheets as previously ordered, with a requested effective date of December 22, 2019. The proposed compliance tariff sheets were filed as Tariff Tracking No. YE-2020-0089 and consisted of P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Sec. B, Original Sheet No. 20b and P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Sec. B, Original Sheet No. 20b and November 25, 2019, directed Staff to file a recommendation on the tariff sheets, Tracking No. YE-2020-0089, no later than December 5, 2019.
- 3. On December 4, 2019, Empire filed substitute tariff sheets to correct errors which were identified by Staff in the sheets originally filed.

4. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by Empire, as substituted on December 4, 2019, and determined that the sheets are in compliance with the Commission's *Report and Order Approving Third Territorial Agreement*.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue its Order approving the following tariff sheets filed herein by Empire in Tariff Tracking No. YE-2020-0089, as substituted on December 4, 2019, with an effective date of December 22, 2019, as requested by Empire: P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Sec. B, Original Sheet No. 20b and P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Sec. B, Original Sheet No. 20c.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 5th day of December, 2019.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric Company and Ozark Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Written Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas within Christian County))))	File No. EO-2019-0381		
AFFIDAVIT OF ALAN J. BAX				

COMES NOW Alan J. Bax and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached Staff Recommendation; and that the same

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

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State of Missouri

County of Cole

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this day of December, 2019.

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DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission Number: 15207377