

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric     )  
Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs )  
Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided )  
To Customers in its Missouri Service Area     )

**Case No. ER-2019-0374**

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO RECONCILIATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Response to Reconciliation* in this matter hereby states:

1. The Empire District Electric Company filed a reconciliation in compliance with its compliance tariffs, which were permitted to take effect on September 16, 2020, by the Commission's *Order* of September 9, 2020; and the Commission's *Amended Report and Order* issued July 23, 2020.

2. Staff reviewed the reconciliation and made recommendations to Empire based on its interpretation of the Commission's *Amended Report and Order*. Empire filed an *Amended Reconciliation* on September 24, 2020. Staff recommends that this *Amended Reconciliation* be approved as in compliance with the Commission's *Amended Report and Order* and Section 386.420, RSMo.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission will accept Staff's *Response*; approve Empire's reconciliation; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, to all counsel of record.

**/s/Whitney Payne**