BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S EXHIBITS FILED IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S QUESTIONS

COMES NOW the Office of Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and offers the attached Exhibit Nos. 299-5 (Empire response to OPC DR 1204) and 299-6C (Empire responses to DR 1214) in response to the Commission's first request regarding **Issue No. 8 Management expense**: 1. OPC - Provide the Empire responses to DR 1204 and 1214 relied on by OPC to make its

expense disallowances.

Additionally, in its second request regarding Issue No. 18 Affiliate Transactions, the Commission asks: 2. Empire - Would Empire submit the APUC CAM in effect during the test year and true-up period and annual report of its 2019 affiliate transactions as an exhibit in this case? As Counsel for Public Counsel advised the Commission and parties during the April 28th conference, Ex. 221 includes a copy of APUC's CAM, and Ex. 229C is Empire's 2019 affiliate transactions report. Public Counsel believes the CAM and report the Commission is requesting of Empire are already in the record.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of April 2020.

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