

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of a Determination of Special)
Contemporary Resource Planning Issues to be)
Addressed by The Empire District Electric Company) **File No. EO-2021-0066**
In its Next Triennial Compliance Filing or Next)
Annual Update Report)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND

Issue Date: September 15, 2020

Effective Date: September 15, 2020

A provision in the Commission's electric utility resource planning rule, 20 CSR 4240-22.080(4), requires Missouri's electric utilities to consider and analyze special contemporary issues in their triennial compliance filings or in their annual update reports. The regulation requires the Commission to issue an order by November 1 of each year, specifying the list of special contemporary issues each electric utility is to address. The regulation also provides that by September 15, Staff, Public Counsel, and other interested parties may file suggested issues for consideration. The regulation then allows the utilities and other parties until October 1 to file comments regarding the suggested issues.

On September 14, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel, filed a motion asking that the dates for filing proposed issues and the time for responses by the utility be extended by one week. That would mean that proposed issues would be filed by September 22, with responses filed by October 8. Public Counsel's motion represents that the Commission's Staff and Empire are amenable to the proposed extensions.

The Commission will grant Public Counsel's motion. Of course, if any stakeholder wishes to file proposed issues or responses before the extended due dates they may do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any stakeholder wishing to suggest a special contemporary issue that The Empire District Electric Company should consider in its next annual update report shall file its written suggestions no later than September 22, 2020.
2. The Empire District Electric Company shall file its response to the suggested special contemporary issues by October 8, 2020.
3. Any other person or entity wishing to respond to the special contemporary issues suggested for The Empire District Electric Company may do so by October 8, 2020.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of September, 2020.