BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In The Matter of a Determination of Special Contemporary Resource Planning) Issues to be Addressed by The Empire) District Electric Company in Its Next) Triennial Compliance Filing or Next Annual Update Report

Case No. EO-2021-0066

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its *Request for Extensions of Time* states:

1. On September 14, 2020, the Commission opened this case for the filing on September 15, 2020, of suggested special contemporary issues for The Empire District Electric Company to address in its 2020 Chapter 22 integrated resource planning update filed with the Commission.

2. Due to the press of business, resource constraints, and the challenges presented due to COVID-19, Public Counsel is requesting that the deadline for filing suggested special contemporary issues be extended by one week from September 15, 2020, to September 22, 2020, and that the deadline for comments in response to suggested special contemporary issues likewise be extended by one week from October 1, 2020, to October 8, 2020.

3. Public Counsel has consulted with the Commission's Staff and Empire, and they are amenable to these extensions.

Wherefore, the Office of the Public Counsel requests the Commission to allow suggested special contemporary issues and comments in response to them be filed by September 22, 2020, and October 8, 2020, respectively.

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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 14th day of September 2020.

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