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

In the Matter of Empire District Electric	)	
Submission of its 2014 RES Compliance	)	File No. EO-2015-0260
Report and 2015-2017 Compliance Plan	)	

## STAFF REPORT ON EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RES COMPLIANCE PLAN

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and submits this *Staff Report On Company's RES Plan Report* (Staff Report) to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). In support of the Staff Report, Staff respectfully states the following:

- 1. On April 14, 2015, Empire Electric District (Company) filed its 2014 Annual Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan (Plan) for calendar years 2015 through 2017.
- 2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(7) states ... "Each electric utility shall file an annual RES compliance plan with the commission. The plan shall be filed no later than April 15 of each year."
- 3. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(7) (A) specifies what information the RES Compliance Report shall provide.
  - 4. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(7) (D) provides that:

The staff of the commission shall examine each electric utility's annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan and file a report of its review with the commission within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan with the commission. The staff's report shall identify any deficiencies in the electric utility's compliance with the RES.

- 5. On April 16, 2015, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice And Setting Filing Date*, directing the Staff to file a report of its review of the Company's Compliance Plan before May 29, 2015, forty-five (45) days from the Company's filing.
- 6. In its *Memorandum*, attached hereto and labeled as Attachment A, Staff reports on its review of the Company's Annual RES Compliance Report.
- 7. Empire filed an amended Compliance Plan on May 27, 2015. Staff reserves the right to review and file supplemental comments on the amended plan.
- 8. The Staff is unaware of any other case currently pending before the Commission that a decision in this file will directly affect, or be affected by.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff submits this *Staff Report* for the Commission's information and consideration.

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 Empire Electric District at <a href="DCarter@brydonlaw.com">DCarter@brydonlaw.com</a>; and Allison Dustin, attorney for the Office of the Public Counsel at <a href="mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov">opcservice@ded.mo.gov</a> this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

/s/ Nicole Mers