

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 in Its Next Triennial Compliance)
Filing or Next Annual Update Report)

File No. EO-2016-0040

ORDER OPENING A FILE REGARDING SPECIAL CONTEMPORARY RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES AND OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILE SUGGESTIONS

Issue Date: August 20, 2015

Effective Date: August 20, 2015

A provision in the Commission's electric utility resource planning rule, 4 CSR 240-22.080(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.

The Commission has created this file to facilitate the process established by the regulation. Any party wishing to suggest an issue for consideration by The Empire District Electric Company may file its suggestion by September 15. All parties to Empire's most recent triennial filing, File No. EO-2013-0547, will be made parties to this case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. All parties to File No. EO-2013-0547 are made parties to this case.

2. Any party 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 suggestion no later than September 15, 2015.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black 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 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of August, 2015.