BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Submission of its 2015 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan

File No. EO-2015-0260

MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY'S COMMENTS

The Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy ("DE"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-20.100, respectfully submits the following comments in response to the 2014 Renewable Energy Standard ("RES") Compliance Report of The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire").

DE confirms that it has certified all renewable energy generation facilities referred to in Empire's Compliance Report, including Elk River Wind Farm, Meridian Way, Cloud County Wind Farm, and Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project pursuant to 4 CSR 340-8.010.

On May 27, 2015 Empire filed a motion for leave to file an amended 2015 RES Compliance Plan. The motion is currently pending before the Commission. If the Commission approves Empire's request, DE reserves the right to file a supplemental response to the revised RES Compliance Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically to all counsel of record this 29th day of June 2015.

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