

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

In The Matter of The Empire District Electric)	<u>Case No. ET-2015-0285</u>
Company's Solar Rebate Tariff)	Tariff File No.YE-2015-0322
)	and YE-2015-0323

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS
ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its recommendation states:

1. Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order that both approves Empire's new and amended tariff sheets relating to the processing and issuance of solar rebates, as filed on May 5, 2015, and, for good cause shown by Empire, as it requests, make the tariff sheets effective on May 16, 2014, rather than June 4, 2015.

2. Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, requires that proposed changes to tariffs not go into effect with less than thirty (30) days' notice, unless the Commission determines otherwise for "good cause shown."

3. Empire has shown good cause for expedited approval of the tariff sheets because doing so, as Empire states, will end the delay in Empire's customers beginning to receive the solar rebates voters intended when they approved Proposition C on November 4, 2008, and will not have negative effects on Empire's customers.

4. Should the Commission have questions for Staff, Daniel I. Beck, Manager of Engineering Analysis, will be available by telephone during the Commission's open meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, and other Staff members may be available as well.

5. Staff has verified that Empire has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheets as filed on May 5, 2015, and recommends granting the expedited treatment requested to allow the tariff sheets to take effect on May 16, 2015:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 5

Net Metering

8th Revised Sheet No. 16 Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 16
3rd Revised Sheet No. 16a Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 16a
2nd Revised Sheet No. 16c Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 16c
Original Sheet No. 16d
Original Sheet No. 16e
Original Sheet No. 16f

Solar Rebates

Original Sheet No. 23
Original Sheet No. 23a
Original Sheet No. 23b
Original Sheet No. 23c
Original Sheet No. 23d
Original Sheet No. 23e
Original Sheet No. 23f
Original Sheet No. 23g
Original Sheet No. 23h

Respectfully submitted,

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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 6th day of May, 2015.

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