

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company for a) **File No. EA-2019-0118**
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Related to its Customer Savings Plan)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: December 18, 2018

Effective Date: December 18, 2018

On November 18, 2018, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed an application with the Commission seeking an order granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity related to a wind generation facility in the state of Kansas. Empire also filed a motion for a protective order. The Commission issued a notice and directed any requests for intervention or responses to the motion for protective order be filed no later than November 28, 2018.

Empire's motion for a protective order seeks additional protection for certain competitively sensitive information regarding wholesale electric market participants that will be filed, or otherwise disclosed, in this matter. Empire seeks leave to designate that information as "Highly Confidential" as permitted by the Commission's confidential information rule, 4 CSR 240-2.135(4). Empire explained that it was amenable to producing the sensitive information to each party's counsel and outside consultants who execute a Commission nondisclosure agreement on a "Highly Confidential" basis, but not to employees of parties other than the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Department of Economic Development -- Division of Energy. No responses or objections to the motion for protective order were filed, and the Commission will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Non-public information about wholesale electric markets and non-public information relating to The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Proposal issued as part of its Customer Savings Plan, including responses and related information, shall be designated "Highly Confidential" at the time of its disclosure.

2. Disclosure of materials or information designated "Highly Confidential" shall be made only to the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Department of Economic Development -- Division of Energy, counsel of record for each other party, and to outside consultants of each other party who have executed a Commission nondisclosure agreement attached as Exhibit A.

3. No "Highly Confidential" information shall be provided directly or indirectly to any employee of a party (other than Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Department of Economic Development -- Division of Energy).

4. Persons afforded access to materials or information designated "Highly Confidential" shall neither use nor disclose such materials or information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than in regard to this proceeding, and shall keep the materials and information secure and confidential and in accordance with the purposes and intent of this protective order.

5. All material and information designated as "Highly Confidential," as well as any notes pertaining to such information, shall be returned to The Empire District Electric Company or destroyed upon the conclusion of this proceeding, with certification of same to Empire.

6. If any party disagrees with the “Highly Confidential” designation of any information, that party shall follow the informal discovery dispute resolution procedures set forth in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(8). If these dispute resolution procedures are exhausted without resolution, the party may file a motion challenging the designation.

7. 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

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of December, 2018.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT
For Case No.: EA-2019-0118
(To Access Highly Confidential Information)**

I, _____, have reviewed the Commission's Rule at 4CSR 240-2.135
on the ____ day of _____, 20_____.

I have requested review of the highly confidential information produced in Case No.
_____ on behalf of _____.

I hereby certify that:

(a) Only an outside expert retained by a party in this case may receive highly confidential
information;

(b) I am an employee of _____ acting as an outside
expert for [state name of intervenor] _____
retained to provide expert consultation or testimony in this docket;

and

(c) I have read and agree to abide by the Commission's Rule at 4 CSR 240-2.135 and all
terms of the Protective order issued by the Commission in this docket.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature & Title

Employer

Party

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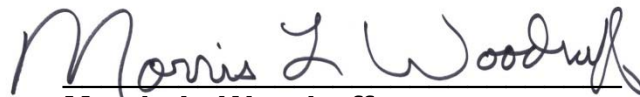
STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 18th day of December 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 18, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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