

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-2019-0010
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity)
Related to Wind Generation Facilities)

ORDER AMENDING REQUIREMENT FOR STAFF TO PREPARE A LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT

Issue Date: January 9, 2019

Effective Date: January 9, 2019

On December 19, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Consolidating Cases, Amending Procedural Schedule, and Setting Local Public Hearing* (“Order”). The Order directed Staff to “...prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case...” for distribution at the local public hearing scheduled for January 23, 2019.

On December 26, 2018, Staff filed a request to be excused from preparing the statement for the local public hearing. Staff stated that it would be premature for it to provide information regarding its assessment of the case prior to the preparation and filing of its rebuttal testimony on February 5, 2019. Thus, Staff requested to be excused from preparing a statement.

The Commission wishes to provide the best information possible to members of the public who may be in attendance at the local public hearing. Therefore, the Commission will not excuse Staff completely from preparing a statement for the local public hearing. However, pursuant to Staff’s request, the Commission will amend the requirement. Instead of providing Staff’s “assessment of the case,” the Commission will direct Staff to prepare a summary statement of the general process of a wind facility certificate case such as the current one. This statement may include, at Staff’s

discretion, the Commission's and other governmental entities' roles or authority in regulating these types of facilities and an overview of how this facility fits into the electrical grid with regard to the physical plant, the corporate structure, and the grid system including the roles of Regional Transmission Organizations.¹

Therefore, the Commission will amend its previous order with regard to Staff's requirement to provide a statement at the local public hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion to be Excused filed by Staff is denied.
2. The previous requirement that Staff prepare an "assessment of the case" is amended to require Staff to prepare a general summary statement as set out in the body of this order.
3. This order is 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 9th day of January, 2019.

¹ The foregoing list is intended to be suggested topics only and should not include any confidential information.

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 9th day of January 2019.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 9, 2019

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'W'.

**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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