

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company’s Revised Cogeneration and Net) Case No. _____
Metering Tariff Sheets)

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or the “Company”), by and through counsel, and for its motion for expedited treatment pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(14), respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On January 13, 2017, and in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.060, Empire submitted the following revised tariff sheet entitled “Cogeneration Purchase Rate - Schedule CP”: PSC Mo. No. 5, Section 4, 20th Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling PSC Mo. No. 5, Section 4, 19th Revised Sheet No. 6. The revised cogeneration tariff sheet was dated January 13, 2017, with a proposed effective date thirty days thereafter – February 12, 2017. Empire also submitted documentation of its cogeneration rate calculation. This filing was assigned tracking number JE-2017-0141.

2. Also on January 13, 2017, and in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.065, Empire submitted the following Net Metering revised tariff sheet (Rider NM): PSC Mo. No. 5, Section 4, 11th Revised Sheet No. 13, Canceling PSC Mo. No. 5, Section 4, 10th Revised Sheet No. 13. This revised net metering tariff sheet was dated January 13, 2017, with a proposed effective date thirty days thereafter – February 12, 2017. Empire also submitted documentation of its Net Metering Rider rate calculation. This filing was assigned tracking number JE-2017-0142.

3. An error was discovered by the Staff of the Commission in the rates set forth in the proposed Cogeneration and Net Metering tariff sheets submitted by Empire on January 13, 2017, and the tariff sheets were withdrawn by Empire on February 10, 2017, prior to their effective dates.

4. On this date, Empire is re-submitting its revised Cogeneration and Net Metering tariff sheets. The tariff sheets bear an effective date 30 days after filing. Empire, however, does not believe that thirty days' notice for these tariffs to become effective is necessary or appropriate under the circumstances. Although RSMo. §393.140(11) indicates that thirty days' notice is generally required before any rate filed by an electrical corporation can become effective, Empire believes that the purpose of that requirement has been fully satisfied in this situation, and §393.140(11) specifically provides that, for good cause shown, the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.

5. The revised schedules were first submitted on January 13, 2017, and have been thoroughly reviewed by Staff. Additionally, the revised schedules will increase the amount paid to customers under the Cogeneration and Net Metering tariffs. As such, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(14)(B), Empire states that its customers will benefit from the granting of this motion. The granting of this motion will not have a negative effect on Empire's customers or the public in general.

6. Empire states that this motion is being filed as soon as practical, and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(14)(A), requests that the Commission act on this motion as soon as possible and issue its order approving Empire's Cogeneration and Net Metering tariffs to take effect as soon as possible.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Company's Cogeneration and Net Metering tariff sheets on less than thirty days' notice and granting such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 14th day of February, 2017, to Staff and OPC.

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