

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

In the Matter of a Working Docket to Address)
Effective Cybersecurity Practices for Protecting) **File No. EW-2013-0011**
Essential Electric Utility Infrastructure)

EMPIRE'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING ON THE RECORD PROCEEDING

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") Notice and Order Setting On The Record Proceeding (Notice and Order) issued on October 5, 2012, respectfully state as follows:

1. The Commission's Notice and Order, among other things, directed as follows:

The regulated electric utilities will each proffer a subject matter expert, or experts, to answer questions from the Commission regarding their cybersecurity practices. Each utility shall file a declaration identifying the witness, or witnesses, and file biographical information on those witnesses no later than November 19, 2012.

2. Empire plans to have the following persons available to answer questions

from the Commission:

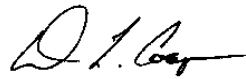
- 1) Ralph F. Meyer, Manager – Reliability Compliance;
- 2) Kalem Long – Reliability Compliance Specialist;
- 3) Ivan J. Johnson -- Manager of Systems and Database Administrators; and,
- 4) Michael E. Palmer -- Vice President of Transmission Policy & Corporate Services.

3. Biographical information for these four persons is attached hereto as

Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission consider this response to comply with the Commission's Notice and Order Setting On The Record Proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on November 9, 2012, to the following:

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