DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's

Submission of Its 2015 RES Compliance Report and
Its 2016 RES Compliance Plan

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ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND

Issue Date: April 21, 2016 Effective Date: April 21, 2016

On April 15, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company filed its 2015 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report and 2016 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan, as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8). Earth Island Institute, d/b/a Renew Missouri, and the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy have filed separate applications to intervene.

This is not a contested case, and stakeholders do not need to be parties to file comments as allowed by the Commission's regulation. However, unless they are made parties, the organizations that are seeking to intervene will not be able to view the highly confidential portions of the company's filings. Before ruling on the applications to intervene, the Commission will establish a shortened time for responses to those applications.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

Any party wishing to respond to the applications to intervene filed by Renew
 Missouri or the Division of Energy, shall do so no later than April 22, 2016.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 21st day of April, 2016.