

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire            )  
District Electric Company for Approval of Its            ) Case No. EO-2018-0092  
Customer Savings Plan    )

**JOINT MOTION REQUESTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel, on behalf of itself and the City of Joplin, and jointly requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing in this case to be held in Joplin, Missouri, during the months of January or February 2018. Movants suggest the hearing start in the late afternoon and continue into the evening of one of the following days: January 16-19, February 2 (the day following a local public hearing in Joplin in Case No. WR-2017-0285), 8, 9, 13-16. In conjunction with that hearing, movants suggest the Commission issue a notice, and require Empire to include it as a bill insert, if feasible, that includes the following language:

**PSC to Hold a Local Public Hearing in a  
The Empire District Electric Company Case**

**JEFFERSON CITY**---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Joplin** on [                    ], **2018**, in an electric case Empire filed seeking approval of its proposed plan to develop 800 MW (nameplate) of wind generation at a cost of about \$1.5 billion by using federal tax incentives in conjunction with tax equity partner(s) to reduce Empire’s cost to develop the wind generation to about \$700 million. As part of its plan Empire would to retire its 218 MW (nameplate) coal-fired Asbury generating plant that is located near Asbury and Joplin, Missouri, by April of 2019, rather than in 2035. Empire estimates the plan will result in up to \$325 million of savings on its Missouri customers’ overall bills over twenty years, by increasing its customers’ bills during 2020 and 2021, but lowering them afterward. The local public hearing schedule appears below.

[ ]—**Joplin.** Missouri Southern State University, Mills-Anderson Justice Center, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin Missouri. The hearing starts at **4:00 p.m.**, beginning with a public information/question and answer session conducted by the PSC Staff, followed by the Commission receiving testimony from the public into the evening.

This local public hearing will be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing should call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

If you are unable to attend a local public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959 email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov) or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov).

The Empire District Electric Company serves approximately 151,700 electric customers in the Missouri counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone and Taney.

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Respectfully,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

/s/ Nathan Williams