

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

In the Matter of the Determination of Special)	
Contemporary Resource Planning Issues to be)	
Addressed by the Empire District Electric)	EO-2018-0048
Company in its Next Triennial Compliance Filing)	
or its Next Annual Update Report)	

**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING EMPIRE’S
SPECIAL CONTEMPORARY RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel or OPC) and for its Notification to the Commission Concerning Special Contemporary Resource Planning Issues, Public Counsel states:

1. In its Response to OPC’s September 28 Updated Memorandum of Special Contemporary Resource Planning Issues, Empire objected to “OPC’s Supply-Side Management Topic 2 (Issue A(5)).

2. Empire’s objection was that the Company “does not possess the systems or data (such as generator costs, load requirements, replacement resources, and resource efficiencies), for any SPP member other than Empire.” (Empire’s Objections and Comments Regarding Suggested Special Contemporary Resource Planning Issues, p. 3)

2. After discussion of this Topic, OPC and Empire have agreed this particular issue will be considered in an upcoming filing. Specifically, File No. EO-2018-0092, *In the Matter of the Application of the Empire District Electric Company Related to the Construction of Certain Electric Generation Facilities*, Empire has stated it will file in the near future, “seeking Commission approval of a comprehensive plan designed to address future supply, delivery, and pricing of electricity to Empire’s customers.” *In the Matter of the Application of The Empire*

District Electric Company Related to the Construction of Certain Electric Generation Facilities

(Notice of Intended Case Filing, p. 2.)

3. Public Counsel expects this special contemporary issue will be addressed in that case.

4. Consequently, Empire and Public Counsel have agreed the Commission does not need to address this Topic as a special contemporary issue in Empire's April 2018 Resource Plan Update filing.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully submits this Notification to the Commission that it need not address OPC's Supply-Side Management Topic 2 (Issue A(5) in its Order in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 25th day of October, 2017, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing reply was submitted to all relevant parties by depositing this motion into the Commission's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS").

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