

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Request for)
Authority to Implement a General Rate)
Increase for Electric Service)

Case No. ER-2016-0023
Tracking No. YE-2017-0120

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Response to the Commission's December 30th *Order Suspending Tariff Sheets* states that the Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by The Empire District Electric Company on December 2, 2016 and assigned Tracking No. YE-2017-0120, and states that it is of the opinion that Empire's tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's August 10, 2016 *Order Approving Stipulation And Agreement*.

WHEREFORE, the Staff prays the Commission accept its Response to the Commission's December 30, 2016 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 5th day of January, 2017.

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