

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of the Empire)
District Electric Company and White River Valley)
Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Change in)
Electric Supplier for a Certain Customer for Reasons)
in the Public Interest)

File No. EO-2016-0192

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through undersigned counsel, for its *Status Report*, respectfully states as follows:

1. On January 28,¹ Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) and the City of Monett have filed a joint application for a change of supplier.

2. On February 1, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff Status Report and Order Directing Filing*, wherein Staff is directed to file a status report determining a filing deadline for Staff’s recommendation on the application.²

3. Staff intends to file data requests by February 5, permitting twenty (20) days for Empire to respond, and two full weeks upon receipt of the information requested for Staff to draft its report, Staff finds as March 14 an appropriate date.

4. Staff requests that the Commission schedule the assignment date of its recommendation to provide Staff with the information requested necessary for Staff’s recommendation. Staff recommends the Commission order the Staff to file its report not later than March 14.

¹ All dates referred to herein occur in the year 2016.

² The initial order directed staff to file a recommendation, and was updated in a subsequent filing to file a status report. *Corrected Order Directing Staff Status Report and Order Directing Filing*, EO-2016-0192, EFIS No. 3 (Feb. 2, 2016).

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission accept the submission date for Staff's recommendation in this case not later than March 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 3rd day of February, 2016.

/s/ Hampton Williams