BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Matt Mylott for a Change of Electric Service Supplier from The Empire District Electric Company to White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

File No. EO-2018-0118

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files its *Status Report*. In support of Staff's *Status Report* Staff states as follows:

1. On November 2, 2017, the Applicant filed an *Application for a Change of Electric Service Provider* filed an amended application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting that his electric supplier be changed from The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") to White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("White River"). The Applicant amended this application on November 3, 2017.

2. On November 6, 2017, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Adding Parties, and Directing Responses to Application. Empire and White River were joined as parties to the proceeding, and ordered to file a response to the application by December 6, 2017. The Commission also directed Staff to file a recommendation or a status report indicating when it will file its recommendation no later than December 6, 2017.

3. Staff is currently undertaking its investigation, but due to the press of other Commission business, only submitted data requests to White River and Empire on

November 27, 2017. Staff considers the answers to these pending data requests¹ necessary for making its recommendation.

4. Staff also requests time to review White River and Empire's responses to the Applicant's change of supplier application to help it in making its recommendation.

5. In consideration of the availability of personnel at this time of the year, and the possibility of the need for follow-up, Staff believes that its recommendation will be filed no later than January 20, 2018. If Staff is able to file its recommendation earlier than January 20, 2018, it will do so.

WHEREFORE the Staff submits this *Status Report*, and requests the Commission grant Staff the ability to file its recommendation no later than January 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Nicole Mers</u>

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¹ Due December 22, 2017.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 5th day of December 2017, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Nicole Mers