BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company's Application for)	
Approval of a Community Solar)	Case No. ET-2020-0259
Program for Electric Customers in the)	
Missouri Service Area)	

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) responds to the Staff of the Public Service Commission's (Staff) Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets as follows:

- 1. The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) initially filed its Community Solar Application and associated tariff sheets on April 17, 2020. Empire subsequently withdrew those tariff sheets, and supported new sheets on September 15, 2020.
- 2. Staff filed its Recommendation on September 22, 2020, advising the Public Service Commission to approve the latest filed tariff sheets.
- 3. After reviewing both the latest tariff sheets and Staff's Recommendation, OPC believes that Empire's request is reasonable and supports Staff's Recommendation.

Wherefore, the OPC responds to Staff's Recommendation.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 24th Day of April, 2020, with notice of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

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