

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's 2012 Update Summary Report) File No. EO-2012-_____
Being Filed Pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080.)

Notice of Intended Filing

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby notifies the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), as well as all parties to Commission File Nos. EO-2012-0040 (Special Contemporary Resource Planning Issues), EE-2012-0095 (Empire's variance request), ER-2011-0004 (Empire's last general rate case), and EO-2011-0066 (Empire's last IRP proceeding), of the intended filing of Empire's 2012 Update Summary Report. In this regard, Empire respectfully states to the Commission as follows:

1. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(1) provides that "(e)ach electric utility which sold more than one (1) million megawatt-hours to Missouri retail electric customers for calendar year 2009 shall make a filing with the commission every three (3) years on April 1." Pursuant to this Rule, Empire's next Chapter 22 triennial compliance filing is scheduled for April 1, 2013. The filing scheduled for April 1, 2013, will be Empire's first triennial compliance filing under the revised 4 CSR 240-22 Electric Utility Resource Planning rules.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3) provides that "(b)eginning in 2012, on or about April 1 of every year in which the utility is not required to submit a triennial compliance filing, each electric utility shall host an annual update workshop with the stakeholder group."

3. Empire's "2012 Update Summary Report" will be filed herein pursuant to Rule 22.080(3), the Agreement entered into by Empire and the other parties to Commission File Nos.

EE-2012-0095 and EO-2012-0040, and the Commission's order approving said Agreement, prior to March 27, 2012.

4. Empire's 2012 Update Summary Report will address Empire's current preferred resource plan, the status of the identified critical uncertain factors, Empire's progress in implementing the resource acquisition strategy, status of or results of analyses and conclusions regarding the special contemporary issues identified by the Commission pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.080(4) in its order in File No. EO-2012-0040, and changing conditions generally.

5. The 2012 Update Summary Report will be discussed at a stakeholder meeting on March 27, 2012 (the "Stakeholder Update Session"). Notice of this Stakeholder Update Session will be filed herein and provided to the members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group formed pursuant to the stipulation reached in File No. EO-2011-0066, as well as to all parties to Commission File Nos. EO-2012-0040 (Special Contemporary Resource Planning Issues), EE-2012-0095 (Empire's variance request), ER-2011-0004 (Empire's last general rate case), and EO-2011-0066 (Empire's last IRP proceeding), at least ten days in advance of the date of said meeting.

6. Pursuant to the Order Approving Agreement issued by the Commission on December 21, 2011, effective January 5, 2012, in File Nos. EE-2012-0095 and EO-2012-0040, stakeholders may file comments with the Commission pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3) regarding Empire's 2012 Update Summary Report and the Stakeholder Update Session within 30 days of the date of the Stakeholder Update Session.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully notifies the Commission and all interested parties of the intended filing of its 2012 Update Summary Report. Empire requests such relief as the Commission deems just and proper under the circumstances.

