

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

In the Matter of The Empire District                    )  
Electric Company’s Revised Solar                    )     Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebate Tariff    )

**JOINT REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “the Company”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), the Missouri Division of Energy (“DE”), the Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association (“MOSEIA”), and Renew Missouri Advocates (“Renew Missouri”) (collectively, the “Signatories”), and hereby submit their Joint Request for Expedited Treatment.

1.       On August 28, 2018, changes to Empire’s Solar Rebate Rider (tariff sheets 23, 23a, 23b, and 23g) went into effect. The tariff changes were necessary to effectuate the provisions of Senate Bill 564 (2018) and Section 393.1670, RSMo., enacted by the Missouri General Assembly earlier that year.

2.       Empire’s Solar Rebate Rider continued to provide that solar rebate applications were required to be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, or 180 days prior to the operational date that determines the rebate amount.

3.       MOSEIA and Renew Missouri brought forward a concern about the 180-day application requirement in relation to systems operational by June 30, 2019, and Empire expressed a willingness to work with parties to correct the issue.

4.       The Signatories have reached agreement on further revisions to Empire’s Solar Rebate Rider to remove the 180-day application requirement and allow customers to receive the higher rebate amount (\$0.50/watt) for systems achieving an operational date prior to June 30,

2019. A redlined version of Empire's Solar Rebate Rider is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The revised tariff sheets were filed in EFIS on this date and assigned Tracking No. JE-2019-0226.

5. The Signatories respectfully request that the Commission approve Empire's revised Solar Rebate Rider by Wednesday, June 19, 2019, and provide that the revised tariff sheets will take effect on June 29, 2019.

WHEREFORE, the Signatories respectfully request that the Commission issue an order by June 19, 2019, approving Empire's revised Solar Rebate Rider and authorizing the revised tariff sheets to take effect on June 29, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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