

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

In the Matter of Empire District Electric            )  
Submission of its 2014 RES Compliance            )  
Report and 2015-2017 Compliance Plan            )        **File No. EO-2015-0260**

**STAFF REPORT ON EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S  
CALENDAR YEAR 2014 RES COMPLIANCE REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and submits this *Staff Report On Company's Calendar Year 2014 RES Compliance Report* (Staff Report) to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). In support of the Staff Report, Staff respectfully states the following:

1. On April 14, 2015, Empire Electric District (Company) filed its 2014 Annual Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Report (Compliance Report) for calendar year 2014.

2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(7) states:...Each electric utility shall file an RES compliance report no later than April 15 to report on the status of the utility's compliance with the renewable energy standard and the electric utility's compliance plan as described in this section for the most recently completed calendar year.

3. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(7) (A) specifies what information the RES Compliance Report shall provide.

4. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(7) (D) provides that:

The staff of the commission shall examine each electric utility's annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan and file a report of its review with the commission within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan with the commission. The staff's report shall identify any deficiencies in the electric utility's compliance with the RES.

5. On April 16, 2015, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice And Setting Filing Date, directing the Staff to file a report of its review of the Company's Compliance Report before May 29, 2015, forty-five (45) days from the Company's filing.

6. In its Memorandum, attached hereto and labeled as Attachment A, Staff reports on its review of the Company's Annual RES Compliance Report.

7. At this time, the Staff has identified no deficiencies within the Company's filing.

8. The Staff is unaware of any other case currently pending before the Commission that a decision in this file will directly affect, or be affected by.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff submits this *Staff Report* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail Empire Electric District at [DCarter@brydonlaw.com](mailto:DCarter@brydonlaw.com); and Allison Dustin, attorney for the Office of the Public Counsel at [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov) this 29th day of May, 2015.

**/s/ Nicole Mers**