

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6th day of April, 2017.

File No. EO-2016-0223

Effective Date: May 6, 2017

The Commission's rules establish the procedures for the IRP process. Since there are no requirements for a hearing on IRP filings, this is considered a non-contested case. Therefore, the Commission may resolve this matter informally and at its discretion. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(16) states that:

The Commission will issue an order which contains its findings regarding at least one (1) of the following options:

- (A) That the electric utility's filing pursuant to this rule either does or does not demonstrate compliance with the requirement of this chapter, and that the utility's resource acquisition strategy either does or does not meet the requirements stated in 4 CSR 240-22.
- (B) That the commission approves or disapproves the joint filing on the remedies to the plan deficiencies or concerns developed pursuant to section (9) of this rule;
- (C) That the commission understands that full agreement on remedying deficiencies or concerns is not reached and pursuant to section (10) of this rule, the commission will issue an order which indicates on what items, if any, a hearing(s) will be held and which establishes a procedural schedule; and
- (D) That the commission establishes a procedural schedule for filings and a hearing(s), if necessary, to remedy deficiencies or concerns as specified by the commission.

After considering the comments of the parties and the Joint Filing, the Commission finds that pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(16)(A), Empire's IRP filing is in substantial compliance with the requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(16)(A), the Commission finds The Empire District Electric Company's 2016 Triennial Compliance Filing is in substantial compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22 and the utility's resource acquisition strategy does meet the requirements stated in 4 CSR 240-22.
2. This order shall become effective on May 6, 2017.

3. This file shall close on May 7, 2017.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6th day of April 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 6, 2017

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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