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| Data Request No. | 0007 |
| Company Name | MO PSC Staff-(All) |
| Case/Tracking No. | EO-2017-0277 |
| Date Requested | 9/20/2017 |
| Issue | Quality of Service - Customer Service |
| Requested From | Dan Beck |
| Requested By | Diana C Carter |
| Brief Description | Questions pertaining to Rebuttal Testimony of Staff witness Dan Beck. |
| Description | DR7: Are Empire's remaining customers harmed when customers leave the system? Please explain your answer. |
| Response | From a strictly economic viewpoint, the loss of contributions to the fixed costs of Empire would be a harm, in the long term, if a customer left the system. However, since harm is not just economic, and other harms could be either positive or negative, Staff is unable to answer the question. Staff notes that Empire's tariff has a section titled "Termination of Service." A customer has the right to leave the system under this section of the tariff. If the simple economic concept that a customer leaving the system is a harm was the only thing to consider, then it would be illogical to allow any customer to "terminate service." However, allowing termination of service is part of Empire's tariff that the Commission has determined is just and reasonable. Response provided by Dan Beck (dan.beck@psc.mo.gov). |
| Objections | NA |

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