

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

In the Matter of The Empire District            )  
Electric Company’s Revised Economic        )        File No. ET-2019-0029  
Development Rider Tariff Sheets            )

**EMPIRE’S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) and, in reply to the Office of the Public Counsel’s Response to Staff’s Recommendation and pursuant to the *Order Directing Filing* issued herein by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) on September 24, 2018, respectfully states as follows:

1. As noted in the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing*, Empire filed a revised Economic Development Rider under Tracking No. JE-2019-0002 on July 2, 2018, and Staff filed a recommendation in favor of approval of the tariff sheet on September 12, 2018.

2. On September 21, 2018, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed its Response to Staff’s Recommendation concurring with Staff’s conclusions but also requesting that a further condition be imposed regarding Empire’s Economic Development Rider. Specifically, OPC requests that Empire be required to submit annual reports concerning customers being served under the Economic Development Rider.

3. Empire is generally in agreement with the condition requested by OPC, and Empire will work with Staff and OPC on reaching a stipulation and agreement which will allow the Economic Development Rider currently on file to be approved and will impose a condition on Empire regarding the annual submission of reports concerning customers being served under the Economic Development Rider.

**WHEREFORE**, Empire respectfully submits this Response to Commission Order and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018, with notice of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

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