

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's) **File No. EO-2012-0336**
Submission of its 2012 RES Compliance Plan)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING FILING DEADLINE

Issue Date: April 16, 2012

Effective Date: April 16, 2012

On April 11, 2012, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed its Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100. The Commission will direct notice and establish a deadline for Staff to file a report and for other interested entities to file comments.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon each party to File Numbers ER-2011-0004 and EO-2012-0294.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within The Empire District Electric Company's service area.
3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing The Empire District Electric Company's service area and to the news media serving The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall examine The Empire District Electric Company's Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan and file a report of its review no later than May 29, 2011.¹

5. No later than May 29, 2011, the Office of the Public Counsel, and any other interested person or entity, may file comments regarding The Empire District Electric Company's Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan.

6. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of April, 2012.

¹ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100 requires a 45-day response period following the filing of the plan. This deadline falls on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Monday, May 28, 2012 is the Memorial Day Holiday. Consequently, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050 operates to establish the deadline as the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, i.e. Tuesday, May 29, 2012.