BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of The Empire |) | |
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| District Electric Company's Request |) | File No. ER-2016-0023 |
| For Authority to Implement a General |) | |
| Rate Increase for Electric Service |) | |

ORDER CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: June 14, 2018 Effective Date: June 14, 2018

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed a Notice of Completion of PAYS Study. Under the terms of a Commission-approved stipulation and agreement, Empire agreed to employ the services of a third-party consultant to perform a feasibility study of Pay As You Save ("PAYS") and other on-bill financing programs. Empire included the completed PAYS feasibility study with its notice. Empire states that it will bring the study's findings before the Commission.

Since Empire does not request any action from the Commission, the Commission will close this general rate case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. This case shall be closed.
- 2. This order shall become effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14th day of June, 2018.

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 14th day of June 2018.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION June 14, 2018

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

Sincerely.

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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