

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric	)	
Company's Application for Approval of	)	
Demand-Side Programs and for Authority to	)	Case No. EO-2014-0030
Establish a Demand-Side Management	)	
Investment Mechanism	)	

**EMPIRE'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW ITS MEEIA APPLICATION
AND REQUEST FOR THIS DOCKET TO BE CLOSED**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by and through counsel, and hereby moves to withdraw its Application submitted herein and requests that this docket be closed. In support thereof, Empire respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On October 29, 2013, Empire filed an application herein under the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act ("MEEIA") and the Commission's MEEIA rules (the "Application"), along with its direct testimony, requesting Commission approval of demand-side programs and authority to establish a demand-side programs investment mechanism ("DSIM").

2. No other party to this proceeding has filed testimony herein, but numerous technical conferences have taken place to discuss Empire's Application, proposed demand-side programs, and proposed DSIM.

3. In Empire's recently concluded rate case, Commission Case No. ER-2014-0351, the Commission approved the following agreements of the parties on energy efficiency issues:

With the exception of the low-income weatherization program discussed below, the Signatories agree that Empire will continue its current energy efficiency programs, at current funding levels and with the current recovery mechanism, until Empire has an approved MEEIA or until the effective date of rates in Empire's next general rate case.

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The Signatories agree that Empire will continue its current low-income

weatherization program, with an annual budget of \$225,000. If the budget amount is not spent in any given Empire budget year, the balance will roll over to be spent in a future Empire budget year. On a going forward basis, the low-income weatherization program is not a "demand side measure" or program for purposes of RSMo. 393.1075.7. Costs for this program are built into and will be recovered through the agreed-upon revenue requirement.

4. Empire is currently working with interested stakeholders with regard to Empire's Integrated Resource Planning ("IRP"), including a preferred resource plan. Empire will be filing its next IRP in 2016.

5. As a result of the Commission-approved agreement of the parties in Case No. ER-2014-0351 with regard to energy efficiency and low-income weatherization and the status of Empire's IRP process, it would not be prudent to continue in this docket. Additionally, and quite significantly, the data used by Empire in preparing its pending MEEIA Application is now stale, and it would not be a good use of resources to proceed with program implementation based on this out-of-date data.

WHEREFORE, Empire hereby moves to withdraw its MEEIA Application and requests that this docket be closed by the Commission. Empire requests such additional relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail on this 24th day of July, 2015, to all counsel of record.

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