

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Annual Vegetation)
Management Report Pursuant to) Case No. EO-2013-_____
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030)

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and in compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C), hereby files this Notice of Compliance regarding its 2012 Annual Vegetation Management Report.

1. Pursuant to the above-referenced Commission Rule, Empire prepared its 2012 Vegetation Management Report, summarizing its vegetation management practices from the prior year (2012) and outlining the vegetation management planned for the coming year (2013).
2. Empire’s 2012 Vegetation Management Report was prepared by Rick D. Wallace, Empire’s Director of System Performance, and is verified by affidavit executed by Martin O. Penning, Empire’s Vice President of Commercial Operations.
3. Empire’s 2012 Vegetation Management Report is attached hereto as a Highly Confidential document.

WHEREFORE, The Empire District Electric Company respectfully submits its 2012 Vegetation Management Report prepared in compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C).

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail on this 1st day of April, 2013, to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter