

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

In the Matter of Staff's Audit of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Expenditures Related to the)
Asbury Environmental Retrofit Project) **File No. EO-2014-0040**

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Tim Opitz, Assistant Staff Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel:

1. Effective July 15, 2014, I resigned my position in the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office. At that time, I was listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. I am filing this Notice in each case in which I was listed as counsel because I am no longer part of the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office.

2. Staff of the Commission will continue to be represented by the remaining counsel assigned to this case.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully submit this *Withdrawal of Counsel* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Tim Opitz

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 18th day of July, 2014.

/s/ Tim Opitz