BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation of the Cost to)	
Missouri's Electric Utilities Resulting from)	File No. EW-2012-0065
Compliance with Federal Environmental Regulations)	

RESPONSE OF THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), by and through counsel, and respectfully submits this response to the *Order Directing Response to Certain Questions*, issued herein by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on July 30, 2014, and the *Order Directing Response to Additional Questions*, issued herein on August 6, 2014.

Empire appreciates the opportunity to assist the Commission in analyzing the potential impacts of current and future Environmental Protection Agency rules on the reliability and cost of electric generation in Missouri. Empire's written responses to the questions presented in the Commission's *Order Directing Response to Certain Questions* and *Order Directing Response to Additional Questions* are attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, The Empire District Electric Company respectfully submits its responses to the Commission's questions.

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