

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

In the Matter of the 2017 RES Compliance Report)
And 2018 RES Compliance Plan of)
The Empire District Electric Company) **File No. EO-2018-0285**

**STAFF REPORT ON THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
CALENDAR YEAR 2017 RES COMPLIANCE REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through undersigned counsel, and submits its *Staff Report On The Empire District Electric Company's Calendar Year 2017 RES Compliance Report* to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). In support thereof, Staff states:

1. On April 11, 2018, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company") filed its 2017 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Report (2017 Compliance Report) for calendar year 2017 as required by rule.¹

2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8) states:

...Each electric utility shall file an RES compliance report no later than April 15 to report on the status of both its compliance with the RES [renewable energy standard] and its compliance plan as described in this section for the most recently completed calendar year...

3. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8)(A) specifies what information the utility must provide in its annual RES Compliance Report.

4. Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100(8)(D) provides that:

The staff of the commission shall examine each electric utility's annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan and file a report of its review with the commission within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the annual RES compliance report and RES compliance plan with the

¹ That same day Empire also filed its 2018 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan for calendar years 2018 – 2020 in the same file EO-2018-0285. Staff will file a separate report regarding the 2018 RES Compliance Plan.

commission. The staff's report shall identify any deficiencies in the electric utility's compliance with the RES.

5. On April 11, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice* directing the Staff to file a report of its review of the Company's 2017 Compliance Report, and any interested person's comments, no later than May 29, 2018.

6. Staff has conducted its review of Empire's 2017 RES Compliance Report and has identified no deficiencies in the Company's 2017 RES Compliance Report. Staff's report is contained in its *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Attachment A (in Highly Confidential, Confidential, and Public formats)² and incorporated herein.

7. Staff notes that no party has intervened in this file.

8. The Staff is unaware of any other case currently pending before the Commission that will affect or be affected by a decision in this file.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its report for the Commission's information and consideration regarding Empire's 2017 RES Compliance Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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² On April 10, 2018 the Commission issued a Protective Order granting Empire's motion seeking a protective order allowing Highly Confidential, Confidential, and Public classifications and treatment for its filed 2017 RES Compliance Report and its 2018 RES Compliance Plan.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 29th day of May, 2018, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin