

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

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)	
of the PURPA §111(d)(15) Interconnection)	<u>Case No. EO-2006-0497</u>
Standard as Required by §1254 of the Energy)	Tariff No. YE-2008-0052
Policy Act of 2005.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EMPIRE’S COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and respectfully states as follows:

1. On July 23, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”) filed a tariff sheet for the purpose of adding “IEEE 1547” to the requirements for Company approval of a customer-generator’s electrical equipment and installation. The tariff sheet bears a proposed effective date of August 22, 2007. The filing was made to comply with ordered paragraph 3 in the Commission’s July 12, 2007 Report And Order, which states in relevant part:

No later than August 1, 2007, all Missouri Public Service Commission regulated electric utilities shall file with the Commission revised tariffs to specifically identify compliance with IEEE 1547 as a criterion for approval of customer interconnection of a distributed generation source.

2. On July 24, 2007, the Commission issued an Order directing the Staff to file by August 10, 2007, a recommendation as to whether Empire’s filing complies with the aforementioned Report And Order.

3. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff, following its review of Empire’s filing, recommends that the Commission grant Empire’s request by approving the following proposed tariff sheet, as filed on July 23, 2007, to become effective on August 22, 2007, or permit the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law:

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheet identified herein, to become effective on August 22, 2007, or permit the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed by first-class mail, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 10th day of August 2007.

/s/ **Dennis L. Frey**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. EO-2006-0497, Tariff No. YE-2008-0052
The Empire District Electric Company

FROM: James Watkins, Manager, Economic Analysis, Project Coordinator
Mack McDuffey, Rate & Tariff Examiner II

/s/ Lena M. Mantle 08/10/07 /s/ Dennis L. Frey 08/10/07
Energy Department / Date General Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation For **Approval** of Tariff Sheet Filed To Comply With The
Commission's Report And Order

DATE: August 9, 2007

On July 23, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire or Company) of Joplin, Missouri, filed with the Commission one (1) tariff sheet bearing a proposed effective date of August 22, 2007 to comply with the Commission's Report And Order issued July 12, 2007 in Case No. EO-2006-0497 (Report And Order). This tariff sheet revises the Company's Net Metering Rider by adding "IEEE 1547" to the requirements for a customer-generator's electrical equipment and installation.

In its Report And Order, the Commission directed in Ordered 3:

No later than August 1, 2007, all Missouri Public Service Commission regulated electric utilities shall file with the Commission revised tariffs to specifically identify compliance with IEEE 1547 as a criterion for approval of customer interconnection of a distributed generation source.

Staff Recommendation

The Staff has reviewed the filed tariff sheet, and is of the opinion that it was filed in a timely manner and complies with the Commission's Report And Order. The Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed tariff sheet, as filed on July 23, 2007, to become effective on August 22, 2007, as requested by Empire, or permit the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation-of-law:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5, Section 4
4th Revised Sheet No. 13 canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 13

The Staff has verified that this Company is not delinquent on any assessment or the filing of its annual report. The Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

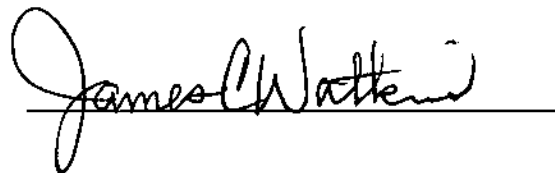
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PURPA Section 111(d)(15) Interconnection Standard as) Case No. EO-2006-0497
Required by Section 1254 of the Energy Policy Act of) File No. YE-2008-0052
2005.)

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES C. WATKINS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

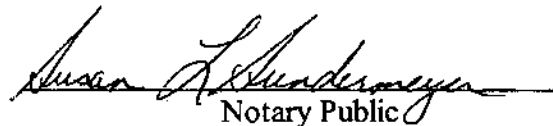
James C. Watkins, of lawful age, on oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August, 2007.



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06842086



Notary Public

My commission expires 9-21-10