BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's 2013 Triennial Compliance Filing Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.

File No. EO-2013-0547

NOTICE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully submits this Notice.

1. Attached hereto is a letter from Todd Tarter, Empire's Manager of Strategic Planning. This letter is being submitted to inform the Commission and interested stakeholders of changes in the timing of the Company's supply-side resource retirements and the withdrawal of its application in File No. EO-2014-0030.

2. Commission Rule 4 C.S.R. 240-22.080(12) requires notification when a utility's business plan or acquisition strategy becomes "materially inconsistent with the preferred resource plan." As explained in the attached letter, Empire does not view the changes in the timing of its supply-side resource retirements and the withdrawal of its application in File No. EO-2014-0030 as being materially inconsistent with the Company's preferred plan, but is providing this Notice in an abundance of caution.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully submits this Notice. Empire is not requesting that the Commission take any action with regard to this Notice.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail on this 31st day of July, 2015, to all counsel of record.

__/s/ Diana C. Carter_____