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Authority To File Tariffs)
Increasing Rates For Electric) File No. ER-2012-0345
Service Provided To Customers)
In The Missouri Service Area)
Of The Company)

MICHAEL BUSHMANN, Presiding,
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Today's October 3rd, 2012,
4 at 1:30 p.m. The Commission has set this time for a
5 discovery conference in the case captioned as In The
6 Matter Of The Empire District Electric Company Of Joplin,
7 Missouri, For Authority To File Tariffs Increasing Rates
8 For Electric Service Provided To Customers In The Missouri
9 Service Area Of The Company, File No. ER-2012-0345.

10 My name is Michael Bushmann. I'm the
11 Regulatory Law Judge in this matter. We'll begin with
12 Counsels making their appearance for its Electric.

13 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter of Brydon,
14 Swearingen and England. The address is on the written
15 entry of appearance to the Court Reporter.

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you.

17 For Commission.

18 MS. KLIETHERMES: Thank you. Sarah
19 Kliethermes for Staff.

20 JUDGE BUSHMANN: I don't see anyone for
21 Public Counsel. And I've already been notified that
22 Counsel for Midwest Energy Users Association, Department
23 of Natural Resources, Midwest Energy Consumers Group and
24 Missouri Gas Energy have all been excused from the
25 conference.

1 Is there anyone else on the phone who
2 hasn't already identified themselves?

3 (No response.)

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Do we have any discovery
5 motions at this point?

6 (No response.)

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Is there anything else we
8 need to take up at this date today?

9 MS. KLIETHERMES: Judge, I was just going
10 to mention we have one DR, which I believe we are actively
11 working to resolve right now, that we did not receive an
12 objection. I think Empire is, apparently, working very
13 much with Staff towards getting the information requested
14 by the Data Request, but we haven't received it yet.

15 And I just wanted to make sure there was no
16 waiver of anything that may develop later to that, but,
17 certainly, there's no issue at this time. Empire's being
18 very cooperative.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: What's the DR number?

20 MS. KLIETHERMES: That's what we're
21 attempting to find.

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay.

23 MS. KLIETHERMES: 122.

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay.

25 MS. KLIETHERMES: And, then, we also have

1 -- and, I'm sorry, I'm having some computer difficulties

2 -- so, what were those other -- was that one or two DRs?

3 MS. BOLIN: There were three DRs.

4 MS. KLIETHERMES: Three DRs; and we,
5 hopefully, can get a number on that in a moment.

6 MS. CARTER: It's DRs 158 through 162.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: What's the issue with
8 those?

9 MS. KLIETHERMES: We've received an
10 objection. I guess Staff's just waiting to see if we'll
11 receive partial response from Empire. If we need to do
12 something other, certainly, we will at that time. I don't
13 know that we need to do anything with it today.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: We have another discovery
15 conference in a month, so you've preserved everything. If
16 you need something from me between now and then, we can
17 always try and schedule something informally like over the
18 phone, if you don't want to wait that long.

19 MS. KLIETHERMES: Sure. That's sounds
20 reasonable.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Anything else you
22 need to bring up?

23 MS. CARTER: No. Thank you.

24 MS. KLIETHERMES: (Shakes head.)

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Anything further for the

1 record?

2 MS. KLIETHERMES: I don't believe so.

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. We're off the

4 record.

5 MS. KLIETHERMES: Thank you, Judge.

6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the record ended at 1:37 p.m.)

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I, Pamela S. Gentry, Certified Court Reporter with the firm of Midwest Litigation Services, do hereby certify that I was personally present at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof; that I then and there took down in Stenotype the proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at such time and place.

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