

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

WILLIAM L. GEHRS, JR.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	Case No. EC-2018-0033
vs.)	
)	
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY,)	
Respondent.)	

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the City of Joplin, and The Empire District Electric Company, by and through counsel, and hereby file their Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, in response to the Commission's December 28, 2017 Order Setting Initial Procedural Schedule ("December 28 Order").¹

1. The parties make the following agreements regarding discovery:
 - a. The response time for all data requests shall be fifteen (15) calendar days, with seven (7) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than fifteen (15) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.
 - b. All data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests shall be issued no later than June 1, 2018. With respect to deposing a witness, depositions must be completed at least three (3) business days prior to the date of the evidentiary hearing.

2. The parties further recommend the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule for this case:

¹ The deadline was originally March 15, 2018. The parties filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time which was granted by the Commission on March 14, 2018 moving the deadline to April 16, 2018.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>
Deadline for filing direct testimony (Complainant)	May 28, 2018
Rebuttal Testimony (Respondent and Staff)	June 11, 2018
Surrebuttal Testimony (All Parties)	June 25, 2018
List of Issues and Order of Witnesses filed	June 29, 2018
Stipulation of Non-disputed Material Facts	June 29, 2018
Position Statements	July 2, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing	July 9, 2018

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully submit this Proposed Procedural Schedule in compliance with the Commission's December 28, 2017 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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