

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Case No. ER-2016-0023
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)

MOTION TO EXTEND FILING DEADLINES

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), by and through counsel, and on behalf of all parties to this proceeding except the Office of Public Counsel (“Parties”), requests an extension of the filing deadlines for rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony and the final reconciliation. The parties request a ruling on this motion by Monday, April 25, 2016. In this regard, Empire respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. Pursuant to the Commission’s scheduling order, Rebuttal Testimony is due to be filed herein on April 27, 2016. The parties request that this filing deadline be extended to May 2, 2016.
2. Pursuant to the Commission’s scheduling order, Surrebuttal Testimony is due to be filed herein on May 13, 2016. The parties request that this filing deadline be extended to May 16, 2016.
3. Pursuant to the Commission’s scheduling order, the final reconciliation is due to be filed herein May 17, 2016. The parties request that this filing deadline be extended to May 18, 2016.
4. A list of issues and other filings are due on May 17, and position statements are due on May 20. The parties are not seeking an extension of those deadlines at this time.

5. An extension of the filing deadlines, as requested above, will allow the parties to continue to engage in settlement discussions and may result in a decrease in the number of contested issues.
6. The Office of Public Counsel has stated its opposition to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Empire, on behalf of all parties to this proceeding except the Office of Public Counsel, requests that the filing deadlines be extended as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS, notifying all counsel of record of the filing, and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 21st day of April, 2016, to all counsel of record.

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