# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
The Empire District Electric Company for	)	File No. EO-2018-0092
Approval of Its Customer Savings Plan.	)	

#### MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), and respectfully requests approval of the following proposed procedural schedule:

DATE	EVENT
October 31, 2017	File Application
October 31, 2017	Direct Testimony
November 16, 2017	Technical Conference
December 19, 2017 (1 p.m. start)	Technical Conference
January 12, 2018	Settlement Conference
January 12, 2018	Requests for a Local Public Hearing
February 7, 2018	Rebuttal Testimony
February 23, 2018	Settlement Conference
March 13, 2018	Surrebuttal Testimony
March 21, 2018	List of Issues
March 30, 2018	Statements of Position
April 6, 2018	Stipulation of Non-Disputed Facts
April 16-20, 2018	Evidentiary Hearing
May 10, 2018	Initial Briefs
May 22, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	Reply Briefs
June 30, 2018	Effective Date of Order

This schedule is being proposed in conjunction with the Application filed in this matter. As explained in detail in the Application and the associated direct testimony, Empire seeks the issuance of an order in this case that is effective by June 30, 2018, so that Empire has the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The counsel for the entities referenced in this Motion have indicated that their clients will not dispute an order containing an effective date of 10-30 days after issuance.

potential to take advantage of a limited window of opportunity to bring identified savings to customers through its Customer Savings Plan.

To help facilitate this schedule, Empire requests that the response times for data requests vary from Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 as follows: for data requests served prior to the date for filing of rebuttal testimony the response time is 15 calendar days to provide the information and 10 calendar days to object or to provide reasons for an inability to answer within the 15 days. For data requests served on or after the date of rebuttal testimony, the response time is 10 calendar days to provide the information and 5 calendar days to object or to provide reasons for an inability to answer within the 10 days.

Parties may file a request with the Commission not later than January 12, 2018 recommending a date and location for a local public hearing.

Counsel for the following entities have stated that their clients have no objection to this schedule: Staff of the Commission; Office of the Public Counsel; Missouri Division of Energy; Renew Missouri; Missouri Energy Consumers Group; City of Joplin; Sierra Club; Dogwood Energy, LLC; and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.

**WHEREFORE**, Empire submits this proposed procedural schedule and requests the Commission's approval thereof.

## Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail or by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on December 4, 2017, to the following:

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