

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company’s)
Request for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments) Case No. ER-2020-0311
Related to the Company’s Fuel and Purchased Power)
Adjustment (“FAC”) Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090)

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company (“Empire” or “Company”), and on behalf of itself, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel, submits this Proposed Procedural Schedule for consideration by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On May 21, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Rejecting Tariff to Change Fuel Adjustment Rates*, effective May 31, 2020. In that *Order*, the Commission directed the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule by no later than June 18, 2020.

2. The parties suggest the following schedule for the further processing of the disputed issues in this case:

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| Direct Testimony (Empire) | June 30, 2020 |
| Rebuttal Testimony (Staff and OPC) | July 27, 2020 |
| Technical/Settlement Conference (phone) | August 4, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. |
| Surrebuttal Testimony (All - optional) | August 7, 2020 |
| Joint List of Issues | August 12, 2020 |
| Position Statements/Prehearing Briefs | August 17, 2020 |
| Evidentiary Hearing | August 27, 2020 |

3. The parties request that they be allowed to submit Prehearing Briefs on some or all of the issues listed in the Joint List of Issues and that a Prehearing Brief be allowed to take the place of

a party's Position Statement so long as such Prehearing Brief clearly and concisely states that party's position on all issues listed in the Joint List of Issues.

4. With regard to data requests, the parties suggest that the deadlines be shortened to 8 days for objections and requests for additional time and 15 days for responses, beginning on July 1, 2020.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of all parties, Empire presents this Proposed Procedural Schedule for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 16th day of June, 2020, with notice of the same sent to all counsel of record.

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