

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
The Empire District Electric Company )  
for a Certificate of Convenience and )  
Necessity Related to its Customer )  
Savings Plan )

**File No. EA-2019-0010**  
**File No. EA-2019-0118**

**MOTION TO BE EXCUSED**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Motion to be Excused*, states as follows:

1. On December 19, 2018, the Commission filed its *Order Consolidating Cases, Amending Procedural Schedule, and Setting Local Public Hearing* (“Order”).

2. The Order directed Staff to “...prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case...” for distribution at the local public hearing scheduled for January 23, 2019.

3. Staff will not be filing rebuttal testimony in this case until February 5, 2019, and it would be premature for Staff to release any information regarding its assessment prior to that date.

4. Staff respectfully requests to be excused from the requirement of preparing a statement for distribution for the local public hearing on January 23, 2019.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission will excuse it from preparing a statement for the local public hearing on January 23, 2019; and such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in these circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Casi Aslin**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

**/s/ Casi Aslin**