

**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-2014-0351  
in the Company's Missouri Service Area                )

**REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) schedule local, public hearings in this matter as set forth below:

1. Empire filed its Notice of Intended Case Filing herein on May 28, 2014, and submitted revised tariffs and supporting testimony and other documentation on August 29, 2014. In addition to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Division of Energy, the City of Joplin, the Midwest Energy Users’ Association, and the Midwest Energy Consumers Group are parties to this proceeding.
2. On October 28, 2014, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule providing, in part, that public hearings be scheduled for February or March of 2015.
3. Empire requests that public hearings in this case be scheduled for the week of February 2, 2015, and, in particular, on either February 3 and 4 or on February 4 and 5, with noon and evening hearings the first day and a noon hearing the second day. Empire also requests that two hearings be scheduled in Joplin and one hearing be scheduled in Reeds Spring. Counsel for the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel have stated that they do not object to these requests.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that local, public hearings in this matter be scheduled as set forth above. Empire requests such additional relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, to all counsel of record.

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