

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Electric)
Company of Joplin, Missouri, for authority to file)
tariffs increasing rates for electric service provided)
to customers in the Missouri service area of the)
company.)

Case No. ER-2008-0093

SCHEDULE OF HEARING

COMES NOW, the Staff and the parties to this case and present an agreed
schedule for presentation of witnesses and issues beginning May 12, 2008:

Monday, May 12

Opening Statements

Empire

Staff

OPC

Industrials

DNR

Policy/Case Overview

Oligschlaeger

Begin Asbury SCR issues with Staff witnesses

Oligschlaeger

Taylor

Tuesday, May 13 (afternoon only due to argument in Writ of Mandamus involving
parties to this case)

Asbury SCR Issues

Mertens

Off-System Sales

Keith

Eaves

Kind

Wednesday, May 14

Policy-Gibson for Empire

Watkins for Staff

ELIP

McCormack
Mantle
McMellen
Meisenheimer
Wilbers

Energy Efficiency Programs

McCormack
Wilbers

Depreciation

Roff
Keith
Schad
Oligschlaeger

Thursday, May 15

Dunkel on Depreciation

Commission Rules Tracker

Keith
Palmer
Oligschlaeger
Robertson

Regulatory Plan Amortization Issues

Sager
Oligschlaeger

Friday, May 16

Regulatory Plan Amortizations-continued

Gorman

Return on Equity

Vander Weide
Overcast
Barnes
Oligschlaeger
Gorman

Fuel Adjustment Clause

Overcast

Overcast on Facilities Demand

Monday, May 19

Fuel Adjustment Clause

Keith
Mertens
Mantle
Watkins
Taylor
Oligschlaeger
Kind
Meisenheimer
Brubaker

Tuesday, May 20

FAC Pension/OPEBs Special Events

Delano
Vogl
Eaves
Robertson

Other Project Costs

Mertens
Robertson

Wednesday, May 21

Incentive Compensation

Harrington
Mapeka

Bad Debt Expense

Keith
McMellen

Distribution Facilities Demand Charge

Overcast
Wells

Employee Purchase Plan

McCormack

Tariff Issues

Long

Respectfully submitted,

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