

**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-2011-0004

JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and jointly state as follows:

1. Certain parties have reached an agreement in principle which would resolve all outstanding matters in this case.

2. The Signatory Parties request that the procedural schedule in this matter be suspended pending the filing of a global settlement agreement. In this regard, the parties request that they be relieved from appearing at the scheduled evidentiary hearings and from all other requirements pursuant to the ordered procedural schedule as modified or expanded by subsequent orders.

3. The Signatory Parties suggest that the scheduled hearing date of Friday, June 3, 2011, be reserved for a stipulation presentation if the same is requested by the Commission.

4. Counsel for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the City of Joplin, Missouri, (“Joplin”), the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), and Kansas City Power & Light, (KCPL), have indicated to Staff Counsel that they do not object to the requested suspension of the procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, the signatories respectfully request suspension of the procedural schedule in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STAFF OF THE
MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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 18th day of May, 2011.

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