STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of December, 2012.

| Sherry Veach, |) |
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| Complainant, |) |
| V. | File No. EC-2012-0406 |
| The Empire District Electric Company, |) |
| Respondent. |) |

ORDER ADOPTING RECOMMENDED REPORT AND ORDER

Issue Date: December 19, 2012 Effective Date: January 18, 2013

On June 4, 2012, Sherry Veach filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") against The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"). An evidentiary hearing was held on November 5, 2012, and on December 5, 2012 the regulatory law judge issued a *Recommended Report and Order* effective on January 18, 2013 by delegation of authority.¹ On December 13, 2012, Ms. Veach filed comments opposing the recommended report and order. Based on the Commission's independent and impartial review of the record, the Commission will approve and adopt the *Recommended Report and Order* without further hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Recommended Report and Order* issued on December 5, 2012 is approved and adopted based on the existing record without further hearing.

¹ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(15)(C).

- 2. This order is effective on January 18, 2013.
- 3. This file shall be closed on January 19, 2013.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett, Kenney, and Stoll, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge