

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

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Section            )  
393.137 (SB 564) to Adjust the Electric                )  
Rates of The Empire District Electric Company        )            Case No. ER-2018-0366

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and, on behalf of all parties to this proceeding (Empire, the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, the City of Joplin, MECG, Renew Missouri, and the Missouri Division of Energy), files this Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule:

1. The parties recommend the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule for this case:

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Deadline for any Motion to Dismiss	June 25, 2018
Company’s Direct Testimony <sup>1</sup>	June 25, 2018
Technical/Settlement Conference (off the record)	July 2, 2018
Any Responses to any Motion to Dismiss	July 5, 2018
Direct/Rebuttal Testimony (all non-Company parties)	July 11, 2018
Any Replies to Responses to any Motion to Dismiss	July 12, 2018
List of Issues and Order of Witnesses	July 16, 2018
Position Statements	July 17, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing and Oral Argument	July 20 and 23, 2018
Post-Hearing Briefs	July 30, 2018

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed dates for the processing of this case are being provided in the event the Commission overrules the Company’s motion to dismiss or determines that the motion should be taken with the case and decided after hearing.

2. Workpapers shall be emailed or otherwise provided to all counsel of record within 24 hours of the filing of written testimony.

3. In addition to cross examination at the hearing, rebuttal testimony in response to written Direct Testimony filed on July 11, 2018, and surrebuttal testimony in response to written Rebuttal Testimony filed on July 11, 2018, may be presented at the hearing. There may be witnesses at the hearing in addition to those who offer pre-filed written testimony.

4. The parties further make the following agreements regarding data requests and other discovery:

- a. Prior to the filing date for the non-Company parties to file Direct/Rebuttal Testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) business days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five business days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- b. For data requests served on and after the filing date for the non-Company parties to file Direct/Rebuttal Testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be three (3) business days, with two (2) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than three business days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- c. All data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests shall be issued no later than July 16, 2018. With respect to deposing a witness, depositions must be completed by July 16, 2018.

- d. Copies of all data requests, subpoenas, and other discovery requests shall, on the day of issuance, be sent by email to all counsel of record for all parties (with the exception of data requests to and/or from Staff which are filed in EFIS).
- e. Data requests served (or entered in EFIS, for Staff) prior to 5:00 p.m. Central on any date shall be deemed issued on said date. Data requests served (or entered in EFIS, for Staff) at or after 5:00 p.m. Central on any date shall be deemed issued on the following date.

**WHEREFORE**, Empire, on behalf of all parties, respectfully submits this Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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