

**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. )

**File No. ER-2012-0345**

**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 undersigned 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 parties will file a formal stipulation or an update of when they expect to file a formal stipulation by Friday, February, 22.

3. The undersigned suggest that the scheduled hearing date of Friday, March 1, 2013, be reserved for a stipulation presentation if the same is requested by the Commission.

4. Counsel for the Midwest Energy Users’ Association (MEUA), the Midwest Energy Consumer’s Group (MECG), the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), and the Missouri

Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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