

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Case No. ER-2014-0351
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)

**AGREEMENT REGARDING CROSS EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION OF
TESTIMONY AND REQUEST FOR WITNESSES TO BE EXCUSED**

COME NOW all parties to this proceeding, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), the Staff of the Commission (“Staff”), the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), the City of Joplin (“Joplin”), the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy (“DE”), the Midwest Energy Users’ Association (“MEUA”), and the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”) (collectively, the “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel, and respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. The Parties waive cross examination as to the following Staff witnesses:
 - Sarver – REC Revenues, Rate Case Expense;
 - Huffman – Energy Efficiency;
 - Stahlman – Policy, Low-Income Weatherization;
 - Robinett – Depreciation Expense;
 - Green – Incentive Compensation, Vegetation Management Tracker, Iatan2/Iatan Common/Plum Point O&M Trackers, Riverton 12 O&M Tracker, Operations and Maintenance Expense;
 - Richter – Prepayments, Advertising, EEI Dues; and
 - Won – Weather Normalization.

2. The Parties waive cross examination as to the following Empire witnesses:
 - Brent Baker – line extension policy, quality service reporting, economic development rider;
 - Brad Beecher – policy;
 - Rob Sager – depreciation expense, capital structure;
 - Jay Williams – accumulated deferred income taxes, current and deferred income taxes, property tax;
 - Blake Mertens – O&M expense, Iatan and Plum Point trackers, prepayments, Riverton long-term maintenance contract;
 - Steve Williams – customer growth and expansions, billing adjustments;
 - Jeff Lee – pensions/OPEB; and
 - Mark Quan – weather normalization.
3. The Parties waive cross examination as to OPC witness Keri Roth (depreciation expense (Riverton 7), rate case expense, vegetation management trackers, Iatan 2/Iatan Common/Plum Point O&M trackers, Riverton 12 O&M tracker, prepayments).
4. The Parties waive cross examination as to the following DE witnesses:
 - John Buchanan – energy efficiency, low-income weatherization; and
 - Jane Lohraff – Economic Development Rider, standby service.
5. The Parties request that the Commission admit into evidence all testimony, including exhibits and other attachments thereto, filed herein by each of the witnesses listed in paragraphs one through four above.
6. The Parties further request that the Commission excuse the witnesses listed in paragraphs one through four above from appearing at the evidentiary hearing herein.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission admit into evidence the testimony referenced above and excuse the appearance of the above-listed witnesses.

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