

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

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| Kasey Caves, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | <u>Case No. EC-2014-0334</u> |
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| The Empire District Electric Company, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, on behalf of itself, Ms. Caves and Empire, collectively ("the parties") and files this Status Report with the Missouri Public Service Commission stating the following:

1. On July 31, 2014,¹ Regulatory Law Judge Burton directed Staff to file a status report by August 8 stating whether Ms. Caves wants to proceed with mediation or towards an evidentiary hearing, and if a hearing, proposed dates and location for the hearing.
2. On July 31, Ms. Caves and Empire engaged in settlement discussions on the issues raised in her Complaint. Since the parties are still working toward resolution of the issues, three alternative dates for a hearing in Joplin, Missouri, were determined that would work for all the parties. They are September 25, 26, and 29.
3. Staff has discussed this report with the Office of the Public Counsel, which has authorized the undersigned to state it does not object to the proposed hearing dates.

¹ All dates herein refer to calendar year 2014 unless otherwise stated.

WHEREFORE, Staff files this Status Report by which it advises the Commission that Ms. Caves and Empire are still engaged in settlement negotiations and therefore, on behalf of itself, Ms. Caves and Empire requests that the Commission schedule an evidentiary hearing to take place in Joplin, Missouri, on either September 25, 26, or 29.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed this 11th day of August, 2014 to the Complainant and all counsel of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Alexander Antal