

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

Sherry Veach,

Complainant,

v.

The Empire District Electric Company,

Respondent.

**File No. EC-2012-0406**

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and on behalf of Staff, Complainant, Sherry Veach (Ms. Veach), and The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), and submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) the following *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*:

1. On June 4, 2012, Ms. Veach filed before the Commission a *Complaint* against Empire.
2. On July 5, 2012, the Company filed its *Answer*, stating that it had been unable to detect any meter or billing errors related to the Complainant's electric service and that it had acted in accordance with its tariffs during the subject time period.
3. On August 1, 2012, Staff filed its *Staff Report*, recommending the Commission find Ms. Veach had not shown that Empire violated any statute, rule, or tariff.
4. On August 15, 2012, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Directing Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule*, which set a prehearing conference for August 29, 2012, and directed the parties to file a joint

proposed procedural schedule no later than September 6, 2012. A prehearing conference was held at the appointed time, at which the parties were instructed they could choose to file a status report in place of a procedural schedule if settlement discussions were ongoing. As settlement discussions are not proceeding at this time, the parties are filing this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* in compliance with the Commission's *Order* of August 15, 2012.

5. On behalf of itself, Ms. Veach, and Empire, Staff proposes the following Procedural Schedule:

Discovery Deadline (Served)	September 28, 2012
Joint Stipulation of Undisputed Facts, List of Witnesses, List of Issues	October 30, 2012
Evidentiary Hearing (The parties request a mid-morning hearing time to allow for same-day travel.)	November 5, 2012
Optional Post-Hearing Briefs	November 30, 2012

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* on behalf of Staff, Sherry Veach, and The Empire District Electric Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

**/s/ Amy E. Moore**