BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| William L. Gehrs, Jr., |) |
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| Complainant |) |
| vs. |) File No. EC-2018-0033 |
| The Empire District Electric Company |) |
| Respondent. |) |

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Issue Date: April 17, 2018 Effective Date: April 17, 2018

The Commission is ordering the following procedural schedule as proposed by the parties.¹

| Item | Date (2018) |
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| Deadline for Filing Direct Testimony (Complainant) | May 28 |
| Last Day to Serve Subpoenas, Data Requests, and Other Discovery | June 1 |
| Rebuttal Testimony (Respondent and Staff) | June 11 |
| Surrebuttal Testimony (All Parties) | June 25 |
| List of Issues and Order of Witnesses Filed | June 29 |
| Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts | June 29 |
| Position Statements | July 2 |
| Deposition of Any Witness Completed | July 3 |
| Evidentiary Hearing | July 9 |

The response time for all data requests shall be 15 calendar days, with seven calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than 15 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

¹ As proposed by the parties at Electronic Filing Information System No. 45 (April 16, 2018) *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.*

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The procedural schedule shall be as set forth in the body of this order.
- 2. The Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing on the merits of the complaint on July 9, 2018, in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- 3. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the evidentiary hearing shall contact the Commission, not later than the day before the event. Such contact shall be through the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.
 - 4. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of April, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17th day of April 2018.

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Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION April 17, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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