

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company’s Fuel Costs Related to the Extraordinary) Case No. EU-2021-0274
Weather Event of February 2021)

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL FILING DATES
AND POSTPONE HEARING**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), and for its Unopposed Motion to Extend Procedural Filing Dates and Postpone Hearing regarding the Company’s Application for an Accounting Authority Order (“AAO”) regarding the extreme weather event of February of 2021 (“Storm Uri”), respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”):

1. Pursuant to the procedural schedule in this matter, position statements are due Monday, January 24, 2022, and an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2022.
2. Empire’s general rate case evidentiary hearing is scheduled to begin Monday, January 31, 2022, with various filings due before that date. Additionally, Empire filed its Petition regarding the securitization of Storm Uri costs on January 19, 2022 (Case No. EO-2022-0040).
3. Due to the press of other business, as well concerns regarding duplication of arguments and efforts, Empire requests that the procedural filing dates in this matter be extended and that the hearing date be postponed. Empire requests moving these matters out to April or May, 2022.
4. Counsel for all other parties to this proceeding, the Staff of the Commission (“Staff”), the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”), stated their non-opposition to these requests.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits this Unopposed Motion to Extend Procedural Filing Dates and Postpone Hearing and requests an expedited ruling granting the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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