

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Application for Variance)
Concerning Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080) **File No. EE-2012-0095**

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and on behalf of the parties to this matter respectfully states as follows:

1. At the November 1, 2011, conference convened in this matter, the Regulatory Law Judge directed that, no later than November 8, 2011 the parties make a filing indicating:
 - a. Whether any disputes exist,
 - b. Whether any factual disputes exist necessitating a hearing,
 - c. How the parties suggest proceeding.
2. The parties have engaged in discussions concerning the Regulatory Law Judge's inquiries and possible resolution of this matter and those discussions are on-going.
3. The parties respectfully request additional time to address the Regulatory Law Judge's inquiries. The parties anticipate responding to the Regulatory Law Judge's inquiries and filing a suggested procedural schedule, status report, or other appropriate document by November 17, 2011.

WHEREFORE, Staff, on behalf of the parties, respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting additional time for the filing discussed here-in.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 8th day of November, 2011.

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