

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

In the matter of The Empire District Electric            )  
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to File    )  
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service        )  
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service     )  
Area of the Company.                                        )  
**Case No. ER-2011-0004**

**STAFF’S CONSTRUCTION AUDITS AND PRUDENCE REVIEWS**

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through Staff Counsel Office, and files its Construction Audits and Prudence Reviews for Empire’s investments in Iatan 1 environmental enhancements, Iatan Unit 2, Iatan Common Plant, and the Plum Point generating station. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. The Staff has designated the entirety of these documents to be Highly Confidential since much of the information included is based on or is information that either The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), or - in the case of the Iatan document - Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) designated as Highly Confidential when that information was provided to Staff.<sup>1</sup>

2. Because neither Empire nor KCPL have reviewed these documents prior to this filing, Staff is requesting the Commission to issue an Order directing Empire to review these documents and to file with the Commission or submit to the Staff no later than within 45 days of the Commission’s Order a version of these documents that in Empire’s view redacts, or otherwise identifies, all information that Empire or KCPL consider to be either Highly Confidential or Proprietary consistent with the Commission’s designation of those terms in 4 CSR 240-2.135.

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<sup>1</sup> KCPL managed the Iatan-related construction, and much of the information contained in the Iatan report was obtained directly from KCPL.

3. Staff has discussed this arrangement with counsel for Empire who indicated that Empire does not object to this request.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff hereby files its Construction Audits and Prudence Reviews for Empire's investments in Iatan 1 environmental enhancements, Iatan Unit 2, Iatan Common Plant, and the Plum Point generating station and respectfully requests the Commission to issue an Order directing Empire to file with the Commission or submit to the Staff within 45 days of the Commission's Order a version of these documents that in Empire's view redacts, or otherwise identifies, all information that Empire or KCPL consider to be either Highly Confidential or Proprietary consistent with the Commission's designation of those terms in 4 CSR 240-2.135.

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 23rd day of February, 2011.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes