

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company and White River)
Valley Electric Cooperative for Approval of a)
Change in Electric Supplier for a Certain Customer)
for Reasons in the Public Interest.)

File No. EO-2012-0063

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and reports to the Commission as follows:

1. On August 25, 2011, the Commission issued an order directing its Staff to file a status report by September 2, 2011, informing the Commission of the date by which Staff anticipates filing its recommendation in response to the parties' request the Commission find it is in the public interest that White River Valley Electric Cooperative be the electric service provider to a new structure being built in Sparta, Missouri. The statute The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative rely on for the Commission having the authority to do so is § 394.315, RSMo. 2000.

2. At the request of The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative Staff plans to file its recommendation on their joint application no earlier than November 2, 2011. Section 394.315, RSMo. 2000, does not establish a time by which the Commission is to make its findings and decision on such an application.

Wherefore, Staff reports it anticipates filing its recommendation on the joint application by no earlier than November 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 2nd day of September 2011.

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