

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

Debbie Feken,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>File No.: EC-2020-0183</u></b>
	)	
The Empire District Electric Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NOTICE CONCERNING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE STATUS**

Issue Date: March 24, 2020

On December 23, 2019,<sup>1</sup> Debbie Feken filed a complaint against Empire District Electric Company (Empire). Subsequently, after the Commission had issued due notice and orders, Empire had filed pleadings, and the Commission Staff had filed its report, the Commission conducted a procedural conference on February 28. The parties then filed a proposed procedural schedule on March 12.

On March 21, Empire filed a Motion for Waiver and Request for Expedited Treatment. Empire states that its prefiled rebuttal testimony is due on March 27 and requests relief from the Commission’s requirement that a notarized affidavit be attached to verify the testimony on the basis of health and safety concerns for the people who will have to prepare that testimony.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated all further date references will be to 2020.

The Commission confirms and gives notice that although the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule on March 12, the Commission has entered no procedural schedule order and there is no scheduled evidentiary hearing, nor any pending procedural deadline.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, Empire's motion is premature.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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<sup>2</sup> 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(E) requires small formal complaints to be heard within 30 miles of where the service was rendered (and allows the Commission to take testimony by telephone.). The Complainant resides in the Joplin, Missouri, area. The Commission has not yet issued a procedural order in this case because of the COVID19 virus, noting it must balance long-term rule and due process requirements with the currently overriding necessity to protect the health and safety of all participants.