

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Application for Approval of Demand-Side Programs and for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Management Investment Mechanism)
)
) **File No. EO-2014-0030**
)

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 12, 2013

Effective Date: December 12, 2013

On October 29¹, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) filed the above-titled application. On December 6, the parties filed a Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule (“proposed schedule”).

On December 10, the Commission issued an Order Setting Procedural Schedule. The proposed schedule did not allow the Commission enough time to deliberate and write a Report and Order by the requested May 1, 2014 deadline. So, the Commission set the hearing about two weeks earlier than the parties had requested.

On December 12, the Staff of the Commission filed a Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule and Request for Variance. Staff asks the Commission to adopt the originally proposed schedule, and also asks for a variance from the Commission rule that requires the Commission to rule on the application within 120 days.²

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.094(9) allows the Commission to grant a variance from Chapter 20 rules for good cause shown. Based upon the unanimity of the parties, the

¹ Calendar dates are to 2013 unless otherwise noted.

² Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.094(3).

Commission finds good cause to waive the 120-day requirement, and will set the proposed schedule as requested by Staff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following schedule is set:

Rebuttal Testimony	January 23, 2014
Surrebuttal Testimony	February 18, 2014
Data Request response times change to 5 calendar days to object and 10 calendar days to respond	February 18, 2014
List of Issues	February 25, 2014
Position Statements	March 5, 2014
Settlement Discussions	March 10, 2014
Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-examination, Order of Opening	March 14, 2014
Evidentiary Hearing	March 20-21, 2014
Initial Briefs	April 4, 2014
Reply Briefs	April 11, 2014

2. The procedural items agreed upon by the parties, and listed in paragraph 3 of the Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule, are adopted, and the parties are ordered to comply with those items.

3. An evidentiary hearing shall be held on March 20-21, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day, in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. That room is in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional

accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of December, 2013.