

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

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

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Status Report* with the Missouri Public Service Commission stating the following:

1. On October 29, 2013, Empire filed an application for approval of demand-side programs and for authority to establish demand-side programs investment mechanisms. On December 10, 2013, the Commission set a procedural schedule.¹

2. On January 14, 2014, by motion from the parties, the Commission issued an Order suspending the procedural schedule. The Commission also required a status report regarding the case be filed by Staff no later than March 17, 2014. This filing is to comply with that January 14th Order.

3. During the past two months, Empire has significantly revised its demand-side programs and its demand-side programs investment mechanism as a result of feedback from Staff and other stakeholders. At this time, the parties are continuing discussions in the case. Staff will file another status report in a month.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration.

¹ The procedural schedule was amended by Order on December 12, 2013 due to motion by parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed this 17th day of March, 2014 to all counsel of record in this proceeding.

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