

**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)	<u>File No. EO-2014-0030</u>
Demand-Side Management Investment Mechanism)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 14, 2014

Effective Date: January 14, 2014

On October 29, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed the above-titled application. On December 12, 2013, the Commission set a procedural schedule.

On January 14, 2014, Empire, Staff, OPC and Sierra Club ("the Signatories") filed the above-referenced motion. The Signatories maintain that additional time is needed for technical conferences, settlement discussions, and analysis. Thus, the Signatories move the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule. Finally, the Signatories state that the other parties do not oppose the motion, and that they have authorized the Signatories to state as much.

The Commission finds the motion reasonable, and will grant it. As suggested by the Signatories, the Commission will order Staff to file a status report within 60 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule is granted.

2. The Staff of the Commission will file a status report no later than March 17, 2014.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "W".

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 14th day of January, 2014.