

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company’s Submission of its Interim Report) **File No. EO-2012-0269**
Regarding Participation in the Southwest)
Power Pool, Inc.)

JOINT MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel of Staff Counsel Office, and files in File No. EO-2012-0269 on behalf of the “Parties,” i.e., the Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”), Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”), and Dogwood Energy, LLC (“Dogwood”), this *Joint Motion For Amendment Of Procedural Schedule* (“Joint Motion”) which requests a change in certain of the dates in the remaining procedural schedule as indicated below. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties state as follows:

1. The Parties have engaged in three settlement teleconferences respecting the matters comprising this filing concerning Empire’s desire to continue to participate in the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) regional transmission organization (“RTO”). In fact, the Parties have another settlement discussion scheduled in several days. Given the press of other business, it is difficult to actively engage in settlement discussions, and, for example, prepare rebuttal testimony, which is presently due no later than August 20, 2013. Therefore, the Parties have collectively agreed to seek relief from the impending date for the most immediate task on the procedural schedule, the filing of rebuttal testimony, and the other tasks that, as a consequence, will have their due dates affected.

2. Thus, as a result of discussions that have occurred among the Parties, the Parties propose the following amendment of the procedural schedule:

<u>Filing/Event</u>	<u>Present Date</u>	<u>Amended Date</u>
Rebuttal Testimony	08/20/13	08/27/13
DR Response Time Changes to 10 Calendar Days to Respond and 5 Days to Object	08/21/13	08/28/13
Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal	09/24/13	09/27/13
DR Response Time Changes to 5 Calendar Days to Respond and 3 Days to Object	09/25/13	09/30/13
Settlement Conference Call	09/26/13	10/01/13
Last Day to Serve Discovery	10/07/13	10/14/13
List and Order of Issues/Witnesses	10/11/13	Unchanged
Joint Stipulation of Facts	10/15/13	Unchanged
Position Statements	10/21/13	Unchanged
Evidentiary Hearing	10/24 & 10/25/13	Unchanged
Transcript Expedited	10/31/13	Unchanged
Post-Hearing Briefs	11/22/13	Unchanged
Reply Briefs	12/10/13	Unchanged

3. The Parties do not request the amendment of the Commission Ordered procedural schedule to unduly delay these proceedings or to vex the Commission.

WHEREFORE the Staff, on behalf of the Parties in File No. EO-2013-0269, files the instant *Joint Motion For Amendment Of Procedural Schedule*, and requests an amendment of the procedural schedule as indicated above.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document, *Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule, Procedures, And Motion To Consolidate*, was served via e-mail on all counsel of record this 16th day of August, 2013.

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