

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

In the matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company for Authority to File)
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Company’s Missouri Service Area)

File No. ER-2014-0351

JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and on behalf of the parties, moves the Commission issue an order modifying the procedural schedule to allow parties time to discuss settlement of the issues. In support thereof, the parties request that the March 27th filing date for list of issues, list of witnesses and order of cross-examination, and statements of position, and the April 6th start date of the evidentiary hearing be extended as follows:

- *List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Statements of Position* to be filed no later than March 31, 2015; and the,
- *Evidentiary Hearing* start date moved to Wednesday, April 8th, 9:00am.

Staff counsel has discussed this matter with party counsel and is aware of no objection to the above modifications.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the parties, the Staff prays the Commission issue an order modifying the procedural schedule as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26th day of March, 2015.

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