BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

File No. ER-2019-0374

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: March 23, 2020

Effective Date: March 23, 2020

The Commission is setting a procedural conference. The parties are to appear at the procedural conference by telephone on March 26, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. The procedural conference is for the purpose of discussing logistics for the April 14 - 22, 2020 evidentiary hearing. The parties shall be prepared to discuss solutions to improve the hearing in the likely event that it will be conducted by phone conference, and discuss alternative case submission ideas. The judge would also like an update as to any resolved issues and the likelihood of the parties reaching an agreement as to unresolved issues, without discussing the specifics of settlement negotiations.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall appear by telephone at a procedural conference to be held on March 26, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

2. The parties shall participate in the prehearing conference via telephone by dialing (650) 479-3207 and entering access code 802 462 429 followed by # at the start time of the conference.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

John T. Clark, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23rd day of March, 2020.