

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority)
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric) Case No. ER-2012-0345
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company)

DESIGNATION OF INTERIM RATE REQUEST TESTIMONY

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and makes this designation of interim rate request testimony:

Direct Testimony of Brad P. Beecher;

Direct Testimony of Kelly S. Walters;

Direct Testimony of Scott Keith;

Direct Testimony of Robert W. Sager; and,

Direct Testimony of Joan E. Land: page 1, lines 1-15; page 9, line 15 – page 10, line 10;

as was verified by the respective Empire witnesses and filed herein on behalf of Empire on the 6th day of July, 2012.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully makes this designation of interim rate request testimony.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via electronic mail on this 25^h day of July, 2012, to all counsel of record.

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