

**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) Case No. ER-2010-0130
Rates for Electric Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area)
of the Company.)

JOINTLY PROPOSED ORDER OF ISSUES

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and on behalf of all parties to Case No. ER-2010-0130 respectfully submits as follows for the *Jointly Proposed Order of Issues*:

Monday, May 3 – None

Tuesday, May 4, morning session:

 Opening Statements

Tuesday, May 4, afternoon session:

 Policy

 Fuel Inventories

Wednesday, May 5, morning session:

 Regulatory Plan Amortizations

Wednesday, May 5, afternoon session:

 Vegetation Management & Infrastructure Trackers

Thursday, May 6, morning session:

 Demand Side Management

 Experimental Low Income Program

 Residential Conservation Service Rider

 Low Income Rate

Thursday, May 6, afternoon session:

 Remediation Costs

 Bad Debts

 Meter Treater Tariff

Friday, May 7 – None

Monday, May 8 – None

Tuesday, May 11, morning session:
Rate of Return
Capital Structure

Tuesday, May 11, afternoon session:
(Continued)

Wednesday, May 12, morning session:
FAS 87 & 106 Language
Weather Normalization
State Tax Flow-Through

Wednesday, May 12, afternoon session:
EEI Dues
Dues and Donations
Rate Case Expense

Thursday, May 13, morning session:
FAC Issues

Thursday, May 13, afternoon session:
Incentive Compensation

Friday, May 14, morning session:
Fuel/Purchased Power

Friday, May 14, afternoon session:
Rate Design

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits on behalf of all parties to Case No. ER-2010-0130 for the *Jointly Proposed Order of Issues*.

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 28th day of April, 2010.

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