

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company and The Empire)
District Gas Company for Approval of their) **Case No. AO-2012-0062**
Cost Allocation Manual)

STAFF'S SEPTEMBER 2015 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its *September 2015 Status Report* relates that undersigned counsel because of other cases pending at the Commission and administrative matters was not able to adhere to the schedule that had been outlined in the *Staff's August 2015 Status Report* to the Commission of completing a revision of the cost allocation manual ("CAM") that the Staff had previously submitted to The Empire District Electric/Gas Company ("Empire") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), submitting copies to Empire and Public Counsel, and schedule a meeting at a mutually convenient location to discuss the latest draft. The Staff still intends to proceed in that manner. As previously noted, the revision that the Staff has been working on is intended to reflect a meeting among the Staff and Empire (at Empire's offices in Joplin) and Public Counsel (participating by speakerphone), and Empire's responses to various Staff Data Requests. Undersigned counsel apologizes for the delay.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its *September 2015 Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's September 2015 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of September, 2015.

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