

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric )  
Company of Joplin, Missouri Tariffs )  
Increasing Rates for Electric Service )  
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service )  
Area of the Company )

**File No. ER-2012-0345**

**SECOND ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: December 10, 2012

Effective Date: December 10, 2012

On July 6, 2012, The Empire District Electric Company submitted tariff sheets designed to implement general and interim rate increases for utility service. On August , 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order setting a procedural schedule in that matter, which established the dates of February 18, 2013 through March 1, 2013 for an evidentiary hearing. Subsequent to the issuance of that order, the State of Missouri released the list of state holidays for 2013, which designated February 18, 2013 as a holiday in honor of George Washington's birthday. The Commission will modify the dates for the evidentiary hearing to avoid that state holiday.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The evidentiary hearing in this matter shall be held on February 19, 2013 through March 4, 2013.
2. All other provisions of the procedural schedule shall remain in effect.

3. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 20112.