

**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

THIRD ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 7, 2013

Effective Date: January 7, 2013

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 6, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order setting a procedural schedule in that matter, which established the dates of January 15, 2013 and February 1, 2013 for the filing of Rebuttal Testimony and Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony, respectively. Subsequent to the issuance of that order, the State of Missouri announced that state offices in Cole County will be closed on January 14, 2013 for inauguration activities. On January 4, 2013, Staff filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule to extend the testimony filing deadlines by one day in order to facilitate the completion of testimony documents. Staff represents that no party objects to the request. The Commission will extend the filing dates for testimony.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Rebuttal Testimony in this matter shall be filed no later than January 16, 2013.

2. Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony in this matter shall be filed no later than February 4, 2013.

3. All other provisions of the procedural schedule shall remain in effect.

4. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Shelley Brueggemann
Acting Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of January, 2013.