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

ORDER CANCELING DISCOVERY CONFERENCE

Issue Date: November 7, 2012 Effective Date: November 7, 2012

On November 7, 2012, counsel for the Staff of the Commission notified the Regulatory Law Judge that there are no outstanding discovery disputes in this matter and

that the parties believe the discovery conference set for November 7, 2012 may be waived.

Consequently, the Commission will cancel the conference. If any parties encounter

discovery disputes that require resolution prior to the next scheduled discovery conference,

they may contact the Regulatory Law Judge to schedule a conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The discovery conference scheduled for November 7, 2012 is canceled.
- 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

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 November, 2012.