

**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 GRANTING RECONSIDERATION AND VACATING ORDER
DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO FILE ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY**

Issue Date: November 7, 2012

Effective Date: November 7, 2012

The Missouri Public Service Commission issued an *Order Modifying Procedural Schedule* on August 24, 2012, that directed The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) to file additional testimony regarding a possible rate stabilization mechanism and permitted other parties to file similar testimony. Testimony regarding that mechanism is currently due by January 15, 2013. On November 1, 2012, Empire filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider its order. Empire represents that the Office of the Public Counsel and Midwest Energy Consumers Group support the motion and other parties do not object.

Empire states that the Commission should reconsider its previous order and vacate the requirement for filing testimony regarding the rate stabilization mechanism because it granted similar relief in the recent Ameren Missouri and Kansas City Power & Light rate cases, and the issue will be addressed in a separate “working docket”, AW-2013-0110, to explore the establishment of such mechanisms to reduce the need for frequent rate case filings.

The Commission finds the request reasonable considering the previous establishment of a separate working docket to explore rate stabilization proposals. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion for reconsideration and will vacate its *Order Modifying Procedural Schedule* issued on August 24, 2012.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Motion for Reconsideration*, filed by The Empire District Electric Company on November 1, 2012, is granted.
2. The *Order Modifying Procedural Schedule*, issued on August 24, 2012, is vacated.
3. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
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 November, 2012.