

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company’s Submission of Its Interim Report) File No. EO-2012-0269
Regarding Participation in the Southwest)
Power Pool, Inc.)

MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and, on behalf of all parties to this proceeding, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. In Commission File No. EO-2006-0141, Empire obtained the Commission’s authority to transfer to the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) conditional and interim functional control of certain transmission assets. The authority was granted by the Commission as a result of its approval of a Stipulation and Agreement (the “Stipulation”), and section II.A.(1) of the Stipulation provides as follows: “the approval is interim and conditional during a term of seven (7) years following the Effective Date (“Interim Period”) . . . unless extended pursuant to Section II.E(2) herein.” Pursuant to the Stipulation, Empire’s Interim Period extends until January 31, 2014.

2. On February 3, 2012, Empire submitted its Interim Report for filing herein pursuant to the Stipulation and requested an order of the Commission approving the continued participation of Empire in SPP beyond January 31, 2014.

3. On August 19, 2013, an amended procedural schedule was approved herein by the Commission. Among other things, the amended procedural schedule provides for the filing of rebuttal testimony by August 27, 2013.

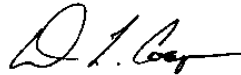
4. The parties have been engaging in extensive settlement discussions and intend to file a stipulation and agreement herein on all issues very soon. As such, the parties believe that the filing of rebuttal testimony and all other scheduled filings are not necessary and move the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule in its entirety. The parties also request that the evidentiary hearings currently scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2013, be cancelled.

WHEREFORE, Empire, on behalf of all parties hereto, respectfully requests an order of the Commission suspending the procedural schedule herein in its entirety and cancelling the scheduled evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on this 26th day of August, 2013, to all counsel of record.

