

**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 SETTING ON-THE-RECORD PROCEEDING

Issue Date: February 20, 2013

Effective Date: February 20, 2013

On February 15, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company and the Staff of the Commission filed a *Joint Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule*, which stated that the parties had reached an agreement in principle to resolve all outstanding issues in this case. The parties anticipated that they would file a formal stipulation and agreement by February 22, 2013. To aid the Commission's determination on whether to approve the agreement the Commission will schedule an on-the-record proceeding.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. An on-the-record proceeding is scheduled for Monday February 25, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The proceeding will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri; a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any party requiring additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the proceeding.

2. The parties shall be prepared to provide a complete explanation of the stipulation and agreement.

3. If any party intends to tender expert witnesses at the on-the-record proceeding scheduled for February 25, 2013, they shall file a pleading disclosing the identity and professional background of those experts no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 22, 2013.

4. Any party or witness that wishes to participate in the on-the-record proceeding by telephone may do so by calling **877-820-7831** and entering **PIN No. 80088928#** at the time scheduled for the proceeding.

5. This order shall become 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 20th day of February, 2013.