

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

In the matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri)
for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing) **File No. ER-2012-0345**
Rates for Electric Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service)
Area of the Company.)

JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and jointly request as follows:

1. In its August 6, 2012, *Order Setting Procedural Schedule, Establishing Test Year, Establishing Other Procedural Requirements, and Adopting Proposed Customer Notice with Modifications* the Commission ordered that position statements be filed on February 12, 2013.
2. February 12, 2013, is a State holiday
3. Empire and Staff request that Commission extend the date for the filing of position statements to February 13, 2013.

WHEREFORE, the signatory parties submit their *Joint Request for Extension*, and respectfully request that the Commission extend the date for the filing of position statements to February 13, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC
COMPANY**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 11th day of February, 2013.

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