

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers)
in the Company's Missouri Service Area.) Case No. ER-2014-0351

INITIAL BRIEF OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and states for its Initial Brief as follows:

1. On April 8, 2015, a *Revised Stipulation and Agreement and List of Issues* (Unanimous Agreement) was filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). (Electronic Filing Information System (EFIS), Item No. 181.)
2. Also, on April 8, 2015, a *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on Certain Issues* (Non-Unanimous Agreement) was filed with the Commission. (EFIS, Item No. 182.)
3. Public Counsel asks the Commission to find that the Unanimous Agreement and the Non-Unanimous Agreement are just and reasonable resolutions to all of the issues in this case.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to the parties of record this 15th day of May 2015:

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