

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

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| In the Matter of The Empire |) | |
| District Electric Company for Authority |) | <u>File No. ER-2014-0351</u> |
| to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for |) | Tracking No. YE-2015-0074 |
| Electric Service Provided to Customers |) | |
| in the Company's Missouri Service Area |) | |

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: March 26, 2015

Effective Date: March 26, 2015

On October 24, 2014, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* ("Procedural Schedule") in this matter. Pursuant to the Procedural Schedule, the deadline for parties to file their List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination is Friday, March 27, 2015. The evidentiary hearing was set to start on April 6 and last through April 10, resuming the following week.

On March 26, the Staff of the Commission filed a joint motion on behalf of the parties requesting the March 27 deadline be extended to March 31 and that the start date of the hearing be moved to Wednesday, April 8. Counsel for Staff states that after discussing this proposed modification to the Procedural Schedule with the attorneys for the parties there are no objections. The parties are requesting the modification to the Procedural Schedule to allow time for settlement discussions.

Since the motion was filed on behalf of all parties and the Commission sees benefit in allowing additional time for settlement discussions that will not impair the ability to conduct a full evidentiary hearing, the Commission will grant the motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule* is granted.

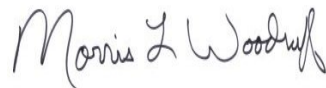
2. Parties shall file: List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination no later than March 31, 2015.

3. The Evidentiary Hearing shall be held on April 8-10 and 13-17, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310.

4. All deadlines and requirements of the Commission's October 28, 2014, *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* not addressed in this order shall remain in effect.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of March, 2015.