

**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 CANCELING DISCOVERY CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: January 16, 2013

Effective Date: January 16, 2013

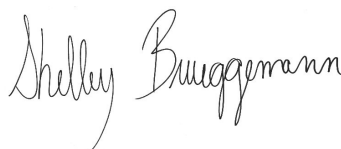
On January 15, 2013, counsel for The Empire District Electric Company notified the Regulatory Law Judge that there are no outstanding discovery disputes in this matter at this time. No parties contested that representation or objected to canceling the discovery conference set for today. Consequently, the Commission will cancel the conference. If any parties encounter discovery disputes that require resolution prior to the next scheduled discovery conference, they may contact the Regulatory Law Judge to schedule a conference.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The discovery conference scheduled for January 16, 2013 is canceled.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

( S E A L )

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Shelley Brueggemann  
Acting Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16th day of January, 2013.