

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company’s Request for Authority)
To Implement a General Rate Increase) **File No. WR-2011-0337, et al.**
For Water and sewer Service Provided)
In Missouri Service Areas.)

Request to be Excused from November 29-December 2 Conferences

Comes now the undersigned counsel of record for The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) and hereby requests to be excused from the November 29 Discovery Conference, and the November 29-December 2 Prehearing Conference on Revenue Requirement.

In support of this Request, the undersigned states that Empire has no disputes or concerns it wishes to address with respect to discovery initiated by Empire, that Empire does not believe there are any disputes or concerns with respect to discovery requests directed to Empire, and that Empire has nothing to add to the existing testimony with respect to the Revenue Requirement issue.

Wherefore, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be excused from participation in the November 29, and November 29-December 2 conferences.

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was electronically mailed, this 18th day of November, 2011 to all counsel of record in this proceeding.

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