

**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 Rates for Electric) **File No. ER-2012-0345**
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)

**MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
REGARDING DATES FOR FILING OF TESTIMONY**

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and respectfully requests that the Commission modify the ordered procedural schedule regarding the dates for the filing of Rebuttal and Surrebuttal testimonies as follows:

1. On August 6, 2012, the Commission established January 15, 2013, and February 1, 2013, for the filing of prefiled Rebuttal and Surrebuttal and Cross-surrebuttal testimonies, respectively, in this matter.

2. On December 26, 2012, Staff was informed that State offices in Cole County will be closed on January 14, 2013, due to activities associated with the inauguration of State officials.

3. To facilitate finalization of testimony documents, Staff requests a one day delay, to January 16, of the deadline for Rebuttal testimony.

4. Staff contacted other parties to discuss this potential delay, and was informed that certain parties would require a similar one business day delay to prepare responsive Surrebuttal and Cross-surrebuttal testimony.

5. Thus, Staff respectfully moves the Commission modify the dates for the filing of Rebuttal testimony to January 16, 2013, and Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal testimony to February 4, 2013.

6. Staff has contacted all parties to this matter, and it is Staff's understanding that no party objects to this request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully moves the Commission modify the date for the filing of Rebuttal testimony to January 16, 2013, and Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal testimony to February 4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 4th day of January, 2013.

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