

**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: September 5, 2012

Effective Date: September 5, 2012

On September 5, 2012, counsel for The Empire District Electric Company notified the Regulatory Law Judge that there are no outstanding discovery disputes in this matter and that the parties believe the discovery conference set for September 5, 2012 may be waived. 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 September 5, 2012 is canceled.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of September, 2012.