

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

In the matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company and The Empire)
District Gas Company for Approval of their)
Cost Allocation Manual)

Case No. AO-2012-0062

STAFF’S MAY 2015 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its *May 2015 Status Report* relates that the Staff last reported that it and The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) met on April 23, 2015 in Joplin at Empire’s offices, and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”)¹ participated in said meeting by speakerphone. The Staff failed to mention in its last status report that it appreciated Empire hosting the meeting on April 23 and the Staff considered the meeting to be productive. As a consequence of the information that Empire provided in advance of that meeting on April 22, 2015 (responses to questions that the Staff had previously e-mailed to Empire) and as a result of the meeting on April 23, the Staff has been revising its proposal for the Empire Cost Allocation Manuals (“CAM”), which reflects among other things the Staff’s work in this proceeding, in other recent CAM proceedings and information obtained at the April 23 meeting. The Staff also has been drafting formal data requests rather than informal data requests to formalize the exchange of information which both Empire and Staff think is an appropriate way to proceed at this stage to obtain additional information.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its *May 2015 Status Report*.

¹ These are the Parties to the instant case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's May 2015 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of May, 2015.

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