

**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 Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service)
Area of the Company.)

File No. ER-2012-0345

STIPULATION OF NON-DISPUTED FACTS

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), the Midwest Energy Users’ Association (MEUA), the Midwest Energy Consumer’s Group (MECG), the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), and jointly state as follows:

1. On July 6, 2012, Empire filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase for electric service to customers in its Missouri service area, as well as tariff sheets to implement an interim rate increase.

2. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 South Joplin Avenue (P.O. Box 127), Joplin, Missouri 64801 (64802). Empire is engaged in the business of providing electric and water utility services in Missouri to customers in its service areas and has a certificate of service authority to provide certain telecommunications services.

3. Empire is an “electrical corporation,” a “water corporation,” a “telecommunications company” and a “public utility” as those terms are defined in

Section 386.020 RSMo, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law. Empire also has a wholly owned subsidiary that is a “gas corporation.”

4. At March 31, 2012, in Missouri, Empire served approximately 124,600 residential customers, 21,400 commercial customers, 283 industrial customers, 1,650 public authority and street and highway customers, and three wholesale customers.

5. In its initial filing, Empire requested an overall increase in its Missouri retail electric rates of \$30.7 million, exclusive of applicable fees or taxes – approximately a 7.6 percent increase. Empire also requested an interim rate increase, which was denied.

WHEREFORE, the signatory parties submit their *Stipulation of Non-Disputed Facts*.

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 6th day of February, 2013.

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