

**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)	<u>Case No. AO-2012-0062</u>
Cost Allocation Manual)	

STAFF'S AUGUST 2015 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its August 2015 *Status Report* relates that it is completing a revision of the cost allocation manual ("CAM") that it previously submitted to The Empire District Electric/Gas Company ("Empire"). The prior draft was based in large part on the CAM that the Staff had been developing with Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company. The revision that the Staff is working on is intended to reflect a meeting among the Staff and Empire (at Empire's offices in Joplin) and the Office of the Public Counsel (participating by speakerphone), and Empire's responses to Staff Data Requests.

The Staff's goal is to send the new draft of the CAM to Empire and Public Counsel by approximately mid-September, and schedule a meeting at a mutually convenient location for the end of September, if schedules permit, or soon thereafter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's August 2015 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31st day of August, 2015.

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