

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

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

Case No. AO-2012-0062

MARCH STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and states as follows:

1. The parties continue to engage in productive discussions concerning the contents of Empire's Cost Allocation Manual.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *March Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STAFF OF THE
MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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 29th day of March, 2012.

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