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)	Case No. AO-2012-0062
District Gas Company for Approval of their)	
Cost Allocation Manual)	

FEBRUARY STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its status report states that in late October the Staff provided the parties a new draft of proposed language for Empire's Cost Allocation Manual taking into account some of the content of Laclede Gas Company's Cost Allocation Manual that was recently approved by the Commission in Case No. GC-2011-0098. In December, the Company provided Staff its comments on Staff's proposed language. Additional time is needed for the parties to discuss these changes. Staff anticipates holding further discussions with the company in March.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its February Status Report.

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 28th day of February, 2014.

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