

**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

JULY STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), and for its status report states that the parties continue to engage in productive discussions concerning the contents of Empire's Cost Allocation Manual.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *July Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 31st day of July, 2013.

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