

**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) **Case No. AO-2012-0062**
Cost Allocation Manual)

STAFF'S MARCH 2016 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its *March 2016 Status Report* reiterates that in February 2016, undersigned counsel e-mailed to counsel for The Empire District Electric/Gas Company ("Empire") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), a revision of the cost allocation manual ("CAM") that the Staff had previously submitted to Empire and Public Counsel. Empire has indicated to Staff that due to its pending general rate increase case (File No. ER-2016-0023) and merger case (File No. EM-2016-0213) with Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and Liberty Sub Corp. it will take awhile for Empire to get back with the Staff regarding the draft document.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its *March 2016 Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's March 2016 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31st day of March, 2016.

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