

**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

DECEMBER STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("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 expects to hold these discussions in January.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *December 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 31st day of December, 2013.

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