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)	Case No. AO-2012-0062
Manual	-	

JANUARY 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 January 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 30th day of January, 2013.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes