

**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 Manual)

Case No. AO-2012-0062

JOINT REQUEST REGARDING CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire Electric”), The Empire District Gas Company (“Empire Gas”) (collectively, “Empire”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), and jointly state as follows:

1. On August 23, 2011, Empire filed its application for approval of its Cost Allocation Manual (“CAM”) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”).

2. The procedural schedule proposed by the parties and ordered by the Commission contained the following deadline:

February 10, 2012: If any items remain in dispute, the parties will so notify the Commission and suggest a procedure (or procedures) to resolve the remaining dispute(s).

3. The parties continue to engage in productive discussions concerning the contents of Empire’s CAM.

4. The parties respectfully request the Commission accept the filing of monthly status reports until such time as Empire files a CAM acceptable to all parties, or the parties notify the Commission that any items remain in dispute.

WHEREFORE, the signatory parties submit their *Joint Request Regarding Continuing Discussions*, and respectfully request that the Commission order the procedural matters as set forth herein.

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 10th day of February, 2012.

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