

**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)	<u>Case No. AO-2012-0062</u>
for Approval of their Cost Allocation Manual)	

RESPONSE TO EMPIRE’S DECEMBER 15, 2011 FILING

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and for its *Response to Empire’s December 15, 2011 Filing* states as follows:

1. Staff continues productive discussions with The Empire District Electric Company and The Empire District Gas Company (collectively, “Empire”) regarding Empire’s application for Commission approval of its Cost Allocation Manual (CAM).

2. Staff intends to work with Empire on these revisions and will file its supplemental recommendation as expeditiously as possible upon Empire’s filing of a revised CAM.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this response to Empire’s December 15, 2011 filing.

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 27th day of January, 2012.

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