

**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**

**STAFF'S DECEMBER 2015 STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW**, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its *December 2015 Status Report* relates that undersigned counsel, because of other cases pending at the Commission and administrative matters, again was not able to submit to The Empire District Electric/Gas Company ("Empire") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), copies of a further draft of a revision of the cost allocation manual ("CAM") that the Staff had previously submitted to Empire and Public Counsel, nor schedule a meeting at a mutually convenient location and time to discuss the draft, as is still planned. Said draft continues to be worked on by Staff, but the project is not a simple one. Also, a member of the Staff working on the project has left the Staff, and other Commission projects with prescribed deadlines keep occurring and needing to be met. Undersigned counsel again apologizes for the delay.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff submits its *December 2015 Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's December 2015 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31st day of December, 2015.

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**