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)	Case No. AO-2012-0062
for Approval of their Cost Allocation Manual)	

FEBRUARY 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 February Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STAFF OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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 29th day of February, 2012.

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