

**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**

**JULY 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 *July 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

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