

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of The            )  
Empire District Electric Company for a        )        File No. EA-2019-0010  
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity    )  
Related to its Customer Savings Plan        )

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and, on behalf of Empire, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel, Missouri Energy Consumers Group, and Renew Missouri Advocates, files this Proposed Procedural Schedule:

1. The parties recommend the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule for this case:

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Technical/Settlement Conference (off the record)	Nov. 7, 2018
Technical/Settlement Conference (off the record)	Nov. 19, 2018
Rebuttal Testimony (all non-Company parties)	December 13, 2018
Local Public Hearing <sup>1</sup>	TBD
Technical/Settlement Conference (off the record)	December 17, 2018
Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	January 24, 2019
Last day to request discovery (by issuing written discovery requests, subpoenas, etc.) and last day on which a deposition may be taken	February 19, 2019
List of Issues and Order of Witnesses	February 19, 2019
Position Statements	February 22, 2019

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<sup>1</sup> Parties reserve the right to make a filing with the Commission regarding any local public hearing(s) proposal.

Evidentiary Hearing	March 5 -7, 2019
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	March 21, 2019
Reply Briefs	April 4, 2019

2. Additionally, Empire requests that the final order in this case be issued by April 30, 2019 (6 months after filing).

3. Workpapers shall be emailed or otherwise provided to all counsel of record within 48 hours of the filing of written testimony.

4. The parties further make the following agreements regarding data requests and other discovery:

- a. The response time for all data requests shall be twelve (12) calendar days, with three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than 12 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- b. All data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests shall be issued no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 19, 2019. With respect to deposing a witness, depositions must be completed by February 19, 2019.
- c. Copies of all data requests, subpoenas, and other discovery requests shall, on the day of issuance, be sent by email to all counsel of record for all parties (with the exception of data requests to and/or from Staff which are filed in EFIS).
- d. Data requests served (or entered in EFIS, for Staff) prior to 5:00 p.m. Central on any date shall be deemed issued on said date. Data requests served (or entered in EFIS, for Staff) at or after 5:00 p.m. Central on any date shall be deemed issued on the following date.

- e. If a privilege or the work product doctrine is asserted as a reason for the objection, then without revealing the protected information, the objecting party shall state information that will permit others to assess the applicability of the privilege or work product doctrine.

5. The parties further request that any technical/settlement conferences provided for in the procedural schedule may be postponed or cancelled by consensus of the parties without further order of the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, Empire, on behalf of the listed parties, respectfully submits this Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

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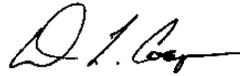
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on October 24, 2018, to the following:

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