

**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 MARCH 2015 STATUS REPORT AND
REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE**

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its *March 2015 Status Report* states that the Staff noted in its last status report that it, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel")¹ were trying to arrange a conference call where it could be further discussed how best to proceed and the Staff will be able to pursue several questions that the Staff has sent to Empire and copied Public Counsel. The Staff also had suggested a meeting in Joplin at Empire's offices. Empire suggested alternative meeting dates in April after the evidentiary hearings in its pending rate case. The parties have agreed to meet on April 23, 2015 in Joplin.

The Commission previously directed that these Cost Allocation Manual ("CAM") status reports regarding Empire should be filed on the last working day of each month. Due to the press of other Commission business undersigned Staff counsel missed filing the instant status report yesterday March 31, 2015. Undersigned Staff counsel apologizes for the delay and inconvenience, and requests leave to late-file the instant status report one-day late.

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

¹ These are the Parties to the instant case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's March 2015 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 1st day of April, 2015.

/s/ Steven Dottheim