

**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

DECEMBER 2014 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its status report states that in late October 2013, the Staff provided the parties to this proceeding¹ a new draft of proposed language for The Empire District Electric Company's ("Empire") Cost Allocation Manual ("CAM") taking into account some of the content of Laclede Gas Company's CAM that was approved by the Commission in File No. GC-2011-0098. In December 2013, Empire provided the Staff its comments on the Staff's proposed language. The Staff and Empire then discussed proposed changes to Empire's CAM.

The Staff notes that CAMs are actively being developed for Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L") and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") in File No. EO-2014-0189. The Staff, KCP&L, and GMO continue to be involved in CAM discussions in File No. EO-2014-0189 and Public Counsel is both involved and following the activity.

The Staff has stated in prior Status Reports that the parties in Case No. AO-2012-0062 are continuing to consider how a possible resolution in

¹ The Empire District Electric Company and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel").

File No. EO-2014-0189 of the content and the language of CAMs for KCP&L and GMO may affect the instant proceeding for Empire. The discussions regarding CAMs in File No. EO-2014-0189 have advanced to the point that prior to the next Empire CAM Status Report, the Staff intends to provide Empire with a draft initial Staff proposal for an Empire CAM, a list of Staff questions, and a request for a meeting at a mutually convenient time for Empire, Public Counsel, and the Staff to discuss these items.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *December 2014 Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 30th day of December, 2014.

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