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)	Case No. AO-2012-0062
Cost Allocation Manual)	

STAFF'S JANUARY 2016 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its January 2016 Status Report relates that undersigned counsel, because of other cases pending at the Commission and administrative matters, again was not able to submit to The Empire District Electric/Gas Company ("Empire") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), copies of a further draft of a revision of the cost allocation manual ("CAM") that the Staff had previously submitted to Empire and Public Counsel, nor schedule a meeting at a mutually convenient location and time to discuss the draft, as is still planned. Said draft continues to be worked on by Staff, but the project is not a simple one. Also, other Commission projects with prescribed deadlines keep occurring and needing to be met. Undersigned counsel again apologizes for the delay.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its January 2016 Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Staff's January 2016 Status Report* have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of January, 2016.

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