BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Electric Company for Approval of the)	
Commission to Make Certain Changes in its)	Docket No. 19-EPDE-223-RTS
Charges for Electric Service.)	

JOINT MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayers Board ("CURB"), collectively referred to as the "Parties," request the Commission grant this Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule ("Joint Motion"). In support of the Joint Motion, the Parties state as follows:

- 1. On December 10, 2018, Empire filed an application with the Commission for approval of an adjustment of its electric rates.
 - 2. On December 11, 2018, CURB filed its petition to intervene in this matter.
 - 3. On December 18, 2018, CURB's petition to intervene was granted.
- 4. On December 18, 2018, the Commission issued an order suspending the rate request until August 7, 2019.
- 5. The Parties have discussed a proposed procedural schedule in this docket and were able to reach agreement on a schedule that could be recommended to the Commission for its review and approval.
 - 6. The Parties' proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

Public Hearing	March 28, 2019
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	May 13, 2019
Cross Testimony	May 20, 2019
Rebuttal Testimony	May 31, 2019
Settlement Conference	June 5, 2019
Settlement Due	June 12, 2019

Testimony in Support of

Settlement/Opposed to Settlement June 18, 2019 **Prehearing Conference** June 18, 2019 **Public Comment Period Ends** June 18, 2019 **Evidentiary Hearing** June 25-27, 2019 **Empire Brief** July 8, 2019 Staff/Intervenor Brief July 15, 2019 Reply Brief July 22, 2019 Order Due Date August 21, 2019

7. As part of the agreement reached by the parties relating to the proposed schedule, Empire also agrees pursuant to K. S.A. 66-117(c)(3) to an extension of the 240-day deadline from August 7, 2019, to August 21, 2019, to accommodate the proposed schedule.

WHEREFORE, the Parties request the Commission issue an Order approving the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says he is attorney for The Empire District Electric Company above named; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule; and the statements contained therein are true.

James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of January, 2019.

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Appointment/Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent via U. S. Mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivery, or electronically, this 10^{th} day of January, 2019, addressed to:

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