

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority)
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company)

Case No. ER-2006-0315
Tracking No. YE-2006-0597

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: March 31, 2006

Effective Date: March 31, 2006

On March 30, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a request for an extension of time in which to file its response to The Empire District Electric Company. Public Counsel indicates that the Staff of the Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Praxair, Inc., and Explorer Pipeline have no objections to the extension. The Commission has reviewed the request and finds it to be reasonable. Public Counsel's request for an extension of time shall be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Request for Extension of Time filed by the Office of the Public Counsel is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on March 31, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of March, 2006.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge