

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

ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR
SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

Issue Date: June 20, 2006

Effective Date: June 30, 2006

On February 1, 2006, the Empire District Electric Company submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YE-2006-0597, to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service. On February 7, 2006, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff sheets for 120 days plus six months beyond March 3, 2006, until January 1, 2007.

The Company filed direct testimony with its proposed tariff sheets; the remaining Parties are to file direct testimony on revenue requirement on June 23, 2006 and on rate design on June 30, 2006. An evidentiary hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 5-8, 2006.

In its review of this matter, the Commission requires the following information be provided in either direct testimony or supplemental direct testimony on or before July 15, 2006. This will allow other Parties the opportunity to respond in rebuttal testimony, due July 28, 2006 or in surrebuttal testimony, due August 18, 2006. The Parties are to respond to the following questions:

1. If the Commission is going to decide a revenue requirement for fuel and purchased power costs and the Commission is going to decide that revenue requirement based on an assumption about weather patterns, should the Commission use a historical average based on weather over a period of the last three years, five years, 10 years, 15 years, 30 years or some other period? Please provide specific information and data in support of the period on which you would have the Commission base its decision and indicate any rationale for opposing any other time periods.

2. Based on historical usage patterns and projections of future usage, how much natural gas and purchased power do you anticipate the Empire District Electric Company will use on an annual basis for the next three years? Please note any historical usage patterns and provide evidence, including any assumptions, in support of your position.

3. Based on the price of natural gas on July 10, 2006 and assuming average weather based on how a Party responds to Question 1, how much would it cost for Empire to hedge 100% of its estimated natural gas purchases for the next three years on an annualized basis? Please provide a detailed breakdown of costs.

4. What hedging strategy and amounts over the next three years would provide the most benefit to consumers?

5. Is there any other relevant information you wish to provide the Commission in response to this request?

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. To the extent possible, the Commission would prefer to have the answers to the questions set forth above in a Parties' direct testimony. In any event,

Parties shall file this information in the form of direct or supplemental direct testimony on or before July 15, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on June 30, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 20th day of June, 2006.