

**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 INTERVENTION**

Issue Date: March 9, 2006

Effective Date: March 9, 2006

On February 1, 2006, Empire District Electric Company filed a tariff with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Commission established February 27, 2006, as the deadline for interested parties to intervene. Aquila, Inc. filed an application to intervene.

Commission rule R CSR 240-2.075 governs intervention before the Commission. That rule states that the Commission may allow a party to intervene if the proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. Upon review of the application, and considering no objections have been made to Aquila's Application to Intervene, the Commission finds that the proposed intervenor either has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order

arising from the case, or that granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. Therefore, the Commission will grant Aquila's application to intervene.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The application to intervene filed by Aquila, Inc., is granted.
2. This order shall become effective on March 9, 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 9th day of March, 2006.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge