BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 Tariff No. YE-2007-0488

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 17, 2007 Effective Date: December 17, 2007

On December 13, 2007, the Office of the Public Counsel and Praxair, Inc., and

Explorer Pipeline filed applications for rehearing of the Commission's Order Vacating

December 29, 2007 Order Granting Expedited Treatment and Approving Tariffs, and Order

Approving Tariffs. The Commission shall set a time for responses to those filings.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any response to the applications for rehearing filed on December 13, 2007,

shall be filed no later than December 26, 2007.

2. This order shall become effective on December 17, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of December, 2007.