

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)	<u>Case No. ER-2006-0315</u>
Service Provided to Customers in the)	Tracking No. YE-2006-0597
Missouri Service Area of the Company)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR EXPEDITED DISCOVERY

Issue Date: April 3, 2006

Effective Date: April 3, 2006

On March 31, 2006, Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline, Inc. filed a motion for expedited discovery requiring The Empire District Electric Company to respond to Praxair and Explorer's data requests within 10 days. No objections to the Motion for Expedited Discovery have been filed. The Commission has reviewed the request and finds it to be reasonable. Praxair and Explorer's motion for an expedited discovery shall be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Expedited Discovery filed by Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline, Inc. is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on April 3, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', with a stylized, looped flourish at the end.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of April, 2006.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge