

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company of Joplin, Missouri's Application for)	
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for)	<u>Case No. ER-2008-0093</u>
Electric Service Provided to Customers in the)	Tariff File No. YE-2006-0205
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)	

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: October 29, 2007

Effective Date: October 29, 2007

On October 1, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YE-2008-0205. The purpose of the filing, according to Empire, is to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service provided by the Company.

The Commission issued notice of that filing on October 3, and established October 23 as the deadline for submission of requests to intervene. General Mills, Inc., and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources each filed separate applications to intervene on October 17. More than ten days have passed since these applications to intervene were filed and no party has objected to them.

The Commission finds that each of these applicants has an interest that is different than that of the general public and that each applicant's interest may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing these applicants to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application to intervene filed by General Mills, Inc., is granted.
2. The application to intervene filed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is granted.
3. This order shall become effective on October 29, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of October, 2007.

Voss, Regulatory Law Judge