

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Discovery Conference

May 16, 2011

Jefferson City, Missouri

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In the Matter of:

The Empire District Electric )  
Company of Joplin, Missouri )  
For Authority to File Tariffs) File No. ER-2011-0004  
Increasing Rates for Electric)  
Service Provided to Customers)  
in the Missouri Service Area )  
of the Company. )

HAROLD STEARLEY, Presiding  
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1                   JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Good  
2 morning. It is Monday, May 16th, 2011.

3                   The Commission has set this time for a  
4 discovery conference in the matter of the Empire  
5 District Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri, for  
6 authority to file tariffs increasing rates for  
7 electric service provide to customers in the Missouri  
8 service area of the company. It's File No.  
9 ER-2011-0004.

10                  My name is Harold Stearley; I'm the  
11 regulatory law judge assigned to this matter. The  
12 court reporter this morning is Shelley Mayer. And we  
13 have a thin crowd this morning.

14                  Mr. Mills, if you wouldn't mind entering  
15 your appearance.

16                  MR. MILLS: Yes. Lewis Mills on behalf  
17 of Office of Public Counsel and the public. My  
18 address is Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City,  
19 Missouri 65102.

20                  JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Mills.

21                  This conference was set in case any of  
22 the parties were having any discovery issues. No  
23 motions to compel have been filed in this matter and  
24 I have not been contacted by any of the parties  
25 regarding any discovery issues. But this setting did

1 provide an opportunity if any of them wished to raise  
2 any issues prior to next week's evidentiary hearing.

3 So, Mr. Mills, do you have any discovery  
4 issues?

5 MR. MILLS: There are no current  
6 discovery issues in this case. There's nothing that  
7 needs to be addressed today as far as I'm aware of.

8 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you for your  
9 appearance. And since no one else here, I'm assuming  
10 they're not having difficulty either.

11 With that, we'll simply go off the  
12 record.

13 (Off the record.)

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