

**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	)	<b><u>Case No. ER-2008-0093</u></b>
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri	)	Tariff File No. YE-2008-0205
Service Area of the Company.	)	

**ORDER SHORTENING DEADLINE TO OBJECT TO**  
**APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: October 29, 2007

Effective Date: October 29, 2007

On October 1, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company filed a tariff with the Missouri Public Service Commission. On October 29, 2007, Praxair, Inc. ("Praxair") and Explorer Pipeline Company ("Explorer") filed a provisional application to intervene in this case. Although filed out of time, the Commission accepts the application, finding that Praxair and Explorer believed in good faith that, pursuant to the terms of a stipulation and agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. EO-2005-0263 (EO-2005-0263 Stipulation), they would be granted intervention in this case without the need to formally request intervention.

To allow the Commission sufficient time to analyze the arguments raised by Praxair and Explorer related to the impact of the EO-2005-0263 Stipulation without delaying a determination regarding their status in this case, the Commission shall consider Praxair and Explorer's October 29, 2007 filing as an application to intervene. The Commission shall address the merits of Praxair and Explorer's argument related to the EO-2005-0263 Stipulation in a subsequent order.

Because an early prehearing conference, at which discovery issues and procedural dates will be addressed by the parties, is currently scheduled for Monday November 5, 2007, the Commission shall shorten the time for filing objections to Praxair and Explorer's intervention requests.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Any objection to Praxair, Inc., or Explorer Pipeline Company's intervention request must be filed no later than November 2, 2007.
2. This order shall become effective on October 29, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Voss, Regulatory Law Judge