

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)
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company)

Case No. ER-2006-0315
Tracking No. YE-2006-0597

ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR FURTHER CONTINUANCE

Issue Date: April 14, 2006

Effective Date: April 14, 2006

On April 13, 2006, Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline, Inc. filed a motion for a further continuance in which to file its responses to The Empire District Electric Company's pending Motion for Clarification. Praxair and Explorer indicate the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Commission have no objections to the continuance. The Commission has reviewed the request and finds it to be reasonable. Praxair and Explorer's request for a continuance to respond to Empire's Motion for Clarification shall be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Continuance filed by the Praxair, Inc., and Explorer Pipeline, Inc. is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on April 14, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of April, 2006.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge