

**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-2011-0004

**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ORDER FOR EMPIRE TO DESIGNATE
HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL PORTIONS OF THE TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DANIEL BECK.**

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through Staff Counsel Office, and respectfully requests as follows:

1. The Staff has designated the entirety of the True-Up Direct Testimony of Daniel Beck as *Highly Confidential* since it is Staff’s understanding that The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) holds much or all of that testimony as *Highly Confidential*.

2. Staff requests the Commission to issue an Order directing Empire to review this document and to provide to Staff no later than within five (5) days of the Commission’s Order, designation of all information that Empire considers to be either Highly Confidential or Proprietary consistent with the Commission’s designation of those terms in 4 CSR 240-2.135.

3. Staff has discussed this arrangement with counsel for Empire who indicated that Empire does not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission to issue an Order directing Empire to submit to the Staff within five (5) days of the Commission’s Order a designation of all information that Empire considers to be either Highly Confidential or Proprietary consistent with the Commission’s designation of those terms in 4 CSR 240-2.135.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes_____