

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 LEAVE FOR ATTORNEY OF RECORD
TO WITHDRAW

Issue Date April 11, 2008

Effective Date: April 11, 2008

On February 21, 2008, Stuart W. Conrad of the firm Finnegan, Conrad & Peterson, L.C. entered his appearance on behalf of General Mills, Inc. On March 26, 2008, James B. Deutsch, Marc H. Ellinger and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C., filed a motion requesting that they be removed as attorneys of record in this matter and that they be allowed to withdraw from this case.¹ More than ten days have passed and no party has objected to the motion to withdraw.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(6) allows an attorney to withdraw by leave of the Commission. Because the requested withdrawals will not affect General Mills' representation, the Commission finds the request to be reasonable and will allow James B. Deutsch, Marc H. Ellinger and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C. to withdraw. James B. Deutsch, Marc H. Ellinger and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C. shall be removed as attorneys of record in this matter.

¹ On October 16, 2007, James B. Deutsch, Marc H. Ellinger and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C., filed an application to intervene on behalf of General Mills, Inc., in this case. The Commission granted that application on October 29, 2007

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. James B. Deutsch, Marc H. Ellinger and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C. are granted leave to withdraw as counsel for General Mills, Inc., and their names shall be removed as attorneys of record in this matter.

2. This order shall become effective on April 11, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of April, 2008.