

**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 Tariff Increasing Rates	)	Case No. ER-2008-0093
For Electric Service to Customers in the	)	
Missouri Service Area of the Company	)	

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' RESPONSE TO TEST  
YEAR AND TRUE UP RECOMMENDATIONS**

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and responds to The Empire District Electric Company's proposals for test year and true-up recommendation as follows:

1. On October 1, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") submitted to the Commission proposed tariffs seeking to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service supplied by the Company. By order dated October 3, 2007,, the Commission issued its Suspension Order and Notice Order Setting Hearings, And Order Directing Filing. In its October 3, 2007, Order, the Commission, among other things, directed the parties to file a response to Empire's proposed test year and true up recommendation on or before October 31, 2007.

2. MDNR, filed its application to intervene in the above-styled case on October 17, 2007, which application the Commission granted on October 29, 2007..

3. MDNR concurs in the test year and true up recommendation proposed by Empire.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully files this response as directed by the Commission's October 3, 2007, Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record this 31st day of October, 2007.

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