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 NONUNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT AS TO CERTAIN ISSUES

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and states that it does not object to the Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement as to Certain Issues filed in the above-styled case April 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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