

**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)	Case No. ER-2012-0345
Customers in the Missouri Service)	
Area of the Company)	

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES'
RESPONSE TO ORDER**

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and,
in response to the Commission's February 20, 2013, *Order Setting On-The-Record Proceeding* (Order), states as follows:

1. In its Order, the Commission stated as follows:

If any party intends to enter expert witnesses at the on-the-record proceeding scheduled for February 25, 2013, they shall file a pleading disclosing the identity and professional background of those experts no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 22, 2013.

2. MDNR does not intend to tender any expert witnesses at the on-the-record conference but will make available Dr. Adam Bickford, its sole witness in this case, for Commissioner questions.

WHEREFORE, MDNR submits this response to the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 22nd day of February, 2013.

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