

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In The Matter of a Determination of Special)
Contemporary Resource Planning Issues to be)
Addressed by The Empire District Electric Company) **File No. EO-2012-0040**
in its Next Triennial Compliance Filing or Next)
Annual Update Report)

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES’
SUGGESTED SPECIAL CONTEMPORARY RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES FOR
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.080(4) and in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (Commission) August 4, 2011, **ORDER OPENING A FILE REGARDING SPECIAL CONTEMPORARY RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES AND OFFERING PARTIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILE SUGGESTIONS**, and provides its suggested special contemporary resource planning issues for The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) for the Commission’s consideration.

1. MDNR appreciates this opportunity to provide input on contemporary issues, a new and important tool which has the potential to improve the quality and consistency of the resource planning process both for individual companies and across company lines.

2. Attached hereto is MDNR’s suggested list of special contemporary resource planning issues for Empire. The list consists of both Empire-specific issues MDNR proposes as well as generic issues which MDNR proposes for all four electric utilities.

WHEREFORE, MDNR requests that the Commission include the issues listed on Attachment 1 (MDNR Issues-Empire) in its order to be issued pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.080(4)

prescribing the list of special contemporary issues which Empire is to analyze and document in its April 1, 2012 annual update report.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 15th day of September, 2011.

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