

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric            )  
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing        )  
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers        )  
in the Company’s Missouri Service Area                )            Case No. ER-2014-0351

**RESPONSE TO OBJECTION**

COMES NOW the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”), and for its Motion for Extension of Time respectfully states as follows:

1.       On March 24, 2015, MECG filed the Surrebuttal Testimony of Kavita Maini on certain issues including the inclusion of transmission costs in Empire’s fuel adjustment clause and the rate design that should accompany any decision to include the transmission costs in the fuel adjustment clause. During the hearing on April 17, Empire objected to a certain portion of Ms. Maini’s surrebuttal testimony. At the hearing, the Presiding Judge provided MECG until April 24, 2015 to respond to Empire’s objection.

2.       As of noon on April 23, the transcript which includes Empire’s objection had not yet been prepared and filed. As such, MECG is unable to review the exact nature of Empire’s objection and provide its response. As such, MECG requests that it be granted an extension until three business days after the transcript is filed to prepare and file its response.

3.       The Initial Briefs in this matter are not due until May 15. As such, there is still over three weeks for a decision on this objection prior to the filing of briefs. Given this, a short extension should not prejudice any party.

4.       MECG has consulted with counsel for Empire and has been informed that Empire does not object to this short extension.

WHEREFORE, MECG respectfully requests that it be allowed an extension until 3 days after the transcript is prepared to file its response to Empire's outstanding objection.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by email, facsimile or First Class United States Mail to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.



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Dated: April 23, 2015