

**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' APPLICATION TO  
INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting MDNR's Application to Intervene. For its Application, MDNR states 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 established an intervention deadline of October 23, 2007.

2. MDNR, and specifically its Energy Center, is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo.

3. MDNR has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Energy Center will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective as well as looking at the

potential impacts on environmental quality. The Energy Center's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo. The mandate set forth in the statute includes planning for energy resource development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 17th day of October, 2007.

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