BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of an Investigation into Southwest Power Pool Cost Allocations and Cost Overruns.

Case No. EO-2011-0134

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), and, as its Motion for Extension, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. The Commission's November 23, 2010 Order Opening an Investigation into Southwest Power Pool Cost Allocations and Cost Overruns, among other things, invited "All parties interested in the issue of how SPP selects projects to be built, including the issue of cost estimates and cost-benefit analysis are directed to file comments in this docket no later than February 4, 2011, with reply comments due on February 18, 2011."

2. Due to weather related delays, Empire will not likely be in a position to file its initial comments on February 4, 2011. In order to allow Empire the time to finalize and file its initial comments, Empire hereby requests that the Commission extend the filing dates to allow all parties interested in the issue of how SPP selects projects to be built until February 11, 2011, to file initial comments and until February 25, 2011, to file reply comments.

3. Counsel for Empire attempted to contact counsel for the parties that have participated in this matter thus far. Counsel for the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. indicated that it has no objection to the proposed extension. Counsel did not receive an indication of the position of Staff, Public Counsel and KCPL, presumably because of the press of the ongoing KCPL rate case.

WHEREFORE, Empire prays that the Commission grant the motion contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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