

**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)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area of)
the Company.)

Case No. ER-2010-0130

**REQUEST TO POSTPONE FILING OF
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RELATED ITEMS**

Comes now the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and requests that the date for filing a proposed procedural schedule and related items be extended from November 8, 2010, to November 15, 2010. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. On July 7, 2010, Empire filed with the Commission to indicate its intention to submit tariff sheets proposing to implement a general rate increase for electric service to customers in its Missouri service area.

2. On September 28, 2010, Empire submitted its tariff sheets proposing to implement a general rate increase for electric service to customers in its Missouri service area.

3. A procedural conference was held in this matter on November 1, 2010, pursuant to the Commission’s October 4, 2009, *Suspension Order and Notice*. That order also directed the parties to file a procedural schedule and related items on or before November 8, 2010.

4. While the discussions that occurred at, and since, the procedural conference have been productive, those discussions have not yet concluded.

Accordingly, Empire has suggested to the Staff, and the Staff concurs, that a one week extension until November 15, 2010, for the filing of a procedural schedule and related items should be requested.

5. No party will be prejudiced by extending the date for the filing of a procedural schedule and related items.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this request that the Commission extend the filing date for a procedural schedule and related items to November 15, 2010.

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 electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 8th day of November, 2010.

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