BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Empire District Electric Company's) 2010 Utility Resource Filing Pursuant to 4 CSR 240 – Chapter 22

Case No. EO-2011-0066

SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINES

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COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(12), and, as its Second Motion for Extension of Filing Deadlines, states as follows to the Commission:

1. On September 3, 2010, Empire filed its 2010 Integrated Resource Planning Filing (IRP), which is required by the Commission's Integrated Resource Planning Rule, 4 CSR 240-22.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(8) allows the parties 45 days to work with the utility to submit a plan to remedy the alleged deficiencies (or until February 17, 2011). Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(9) allows the utility and the other parties until the 60th day after the filing of comments to file a response to the alleged deficiencies (or until March 4, 2011).

3. On February 14, 2011, Empire filed a Motion for Extension of these dates. The same day, the Commission granted that motion and ordered that the date to submit a plan be extended until March 19, 2011, and the deadline for the filing of responses be extended until April 3, 2011.

4. The parties have since continued their progress toward an agreement. However, an agreement has not yet been finalized as a result of the issues the parties have had to address as well as the competing demands of other Commission cases.

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The parties continue to believe that an agreement will be reached. However, additional time will be needed to bring about that result.

5. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(12) states that "The commission may extend or reduce any of the time periods specified in this rule for good cause shown."

6. The parties believe that an extension of the plan deadline until April 1, 2011, and an extension of the response deadline until April 15, 2011, will be sufficient to complete the negotiation process. The opportunity to resolve this matter through an agreement of the parties serves the public interest and administrative economy and, therefore, constitutes good cause.

7. Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, MDNR, Dogwood and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission have stated that they support this Motion for Extension. Counsel for Praxair, Inc. has stated that Praxair has no objection to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission grant the

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extension requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of March, 2011, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was sent by electronic mail to the following:

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