

**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 ) **Case No. ER-2011-0004**  
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service )  
Area of the Company. )

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and for its *Recommendation* states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. In its June 1, 2011, *Order Approving Global Agreement*, the Commission ordered its Staff to file no later than June 6, 2011, a recommendation regarding the tariff sheets that Empire was to file no later than June 3, 2011.

2. Empire filed compliance tariff sheets in EFIS on June 3, 2011.

3. In the attached memorandum, labeled Attachment A, the Staff notes that it has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by Empire on June 3, 2011, and states Empire’s filing complies with the *Global Agreement* and the *Order Approving Global Agreement*. Staff recommends approval of these tariff sheets, as listed in Staff’s memorandum, or that they be allowed to take effect by operation of law.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully recommends the Commission approve Empire’s tariff filing of June 3, 2011, or allow it to become effective by operation of law.

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 6th day of June, 2011.

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