

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire        )  
District Electric Company for Authority to Issue and    )  
Sell Under its Existing Indenture of Mortgage and     )  
Deed of Trust Dated as of September 1, 1944, as       )  
Amended and Supplemented, up to and Including       )  
\$250,000,000 Principal Amount of its First Mortgage )  
Bonds, in One or More Series and to, Among Other    )  
Things, Execute and Deliver a Supplemental            )  
Indenture or Indentures to Provide for the Terms of   )  
said Bonds    )

**File No. EF-2011-0393**

**STAFF MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE RECOMMENDATION**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission's) June 20, 2011 Order Directing Filing (Order), directing the Staff to file a recommendation by July 20, 2011, and requests an extension to August 4, 2011 to file the Staff's recommendation. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. On June 16, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed an Application for authority to issue and sell under its existing Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of September 1, 1944, as amended and supplemented, up to and including \$250,000,000 principal amount of its First Mortgage Bonds, in one or more series and to, among other things, execute and deliver a Supplemental Indenture or Indentures to provide for the terms of said Bonds.

2. On June 20, 2011, the Commission issued an Order directing the Staff to file a recommendation by July 20, 2011.

3. On June 28, 2011, the Staff sent data requests to Empire. Empire has advised the Staff that it will receive responses to the Staff data requests this date, July 19, 2011 or tomorrow.

4. So that the Staff may adequately review and, if necessary, follow-up Empire's responses to the Staff's data requests or seek clarification, the Staff requests that the deadline for the Staff's recommendation be extended approximately two weeks to August 4, 2011 from July 20, 2011. Undersigned Staff counsel has spoken with counsel for Empire, and counsel for Empire has indicated that Empire has no objection to the Staff's request. Empire did not request expedited treatment nor indicate a date by which it was seeking a Commission order authorizing its application.

5. The Staff does not make this request so as to unduly delay these proceedings.

Wherefore, the Staff files this motion for an additional two weeks to file its recommendation to August 4, 2011 from July 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing filing of Staff Motion For Additional Time To File Recommendation was served via e-mail on this 19th day of July, 2011 on all counsel of record in this docket.

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**