

**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 Tariff Increasing Rates)
for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Case No. ER-2010-0130
in the Missouri Service Area of the)
Company)

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMPIRE DISTRICT
ELECTRIC COMPANY REGARDING TEST YEAR**

Comes now The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and in response to the Suspension Order and Notice issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the captioned matter on November 4, 2009, hereby states as follows:

Empire recommends that the Commission adopt, for purposes of this case, a historical test year ending June 30, 2009, adjusted for known and measurable changes.

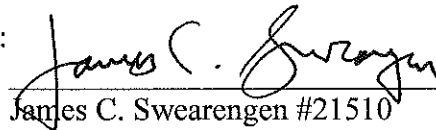
Empire is currently in discussions with the Commission’s Chief Staff Counsel, the Office of the Public Counsel and other Signatory Parties to Case No. EO-2005-0263, the docket involving Empire’s Experimental Regulatory Plan, about procedures to be used in this case, including the timing of the consideration and rate recovery of the Company’s investments in the Iatan 1, Iatan 2 and Plum Point coal-fired generating facilities and other expenditures. These discussions may cause Empire to modify its Test Year Recommendation.

WHEREFORE Empire prays the Commission issue an order establishing the test year for this case as proposed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing has been sent by United States mail, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record on the 20th day of November 2009.

