

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)
District Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri, for)
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for)
Water Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company)

Case No. WR-2006-0215

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION AND RESPONSES

Issue Date: January 3, 2006

Effective Date: January 3, 2006

On December 30, 2005, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking that the previously ordered deadline for the filing of a Staff recommendation regarding The Empire District Electric Company's request for a water rate increase be extended from December 28 to January 24. Staff also asks that the deadline for the filing of a response to Staff's recommendation be extended from December 30 to January 27.

Staff explains that the requested change is appropriate because the Commission has suspended The Empire District's implementing tariff until February 4, to allow time to conduct a local public hearing on January 11. By rule, Public Counsel's post-hearing position statement is due on January 18. Staff requests time to review Public Counsel's statement, as well as the evidence submitted at the local public hearing, before filing its recommendation.

Staff's motion is reasonable, and it will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation and Responses Thereto is granted.
2. That the Office of the Public Counsel shall file its position statement no later than January 18, 2006.
3. That Staff shall file its recommendation no later than January 24, 2006.
4. That any party wishing to file a response to Staff's recommendation shall do so no later than January 27, 2006.
5. That this order shall become effective on January 3, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of January, 2006.