

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 29th day  
of December, 2005.

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric	)	
Company of Joplin, Missouri, for Authority to File	)	
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Water Service Provided	)	<b><u>Case No. WR-2006-0215</u></b>
to Customers in the Missouri Service Area of the	)	Tariff No. YW-2006-0387
Company.	)	

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF**

Issue Date: December 29, 2005

Effective Date: January 3, 2006

On November 21, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company filed proposed tariff sheets designed to increase the company's total annual water service operating revenue by \$469,138. The proposed tariff sheets bear an effective date of January 5, 2006. On November 30, 2005, the Commission's Staff filed a Notice of Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request. The Office of the Public Counsel is not a party to that agreement, and on December 12, 2005, Public Counsel filed a request for a local public hearing. By order issued December 23, 2005, the Commission granted Public Counsel's request and scheduled a local public hearing for January 11, 2006, in Aurora, Missouri. In order to accommodate the local public hearing, it is necessary for the Commission to briefly suspend the proposed tariff sheets.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the proposed tariff sheets submitted by The Empire District Electric Company on November 21, 2005 (Tariff File No. YW-2006-0387), are suspended for 30 days, until February 4, 2006, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 3, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,  
and Appling, CC., concur.

Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge