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	File No. EF-2011-0393
\$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))

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME

Issue Date: July 20, 2011 Effective Date: July 20, 2011

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting additional time to file a recommendation on the application. Staff sought that relief by motion filed on July 19, 2011. Staff represents that the applicant does not oppose the motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff's Motion for Additional Time to File Recommendation is granted.
- 2. The Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation as to the application no later than August 4, 2011.
 - 3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of July, 2011.