

**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) **File No. EF-2014-0195**
Supplemented, up to and Including \$150,000,000)
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 DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE
A RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: December 26, 2013

Effective Date: December 26, 2013

On December 20, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company filed an application as described in the above caption. The Commission will direct the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation no later than February 7, 2014.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of December, 2013.