

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| The Empire District Electric Company's   | ) |                                     |
| 2007 Utility Resource Filing Pursuant to | ) | <b><u>Case No. EO-2008-0069</u></b> |
| 4 CSR 240 - Chapter 22                   | ) |                                     |

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: October 3, 2007

Effective Date: October 3, 2007

On September 6, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company filed its Integrated Resource Plan as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240 - Chapter 22. The Commission initially established October 3 as an intervention deadline, and subsequently extended that deadline to October 17.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) filed an application to intervene on September 19. Praxair, Inc., and Explorer Pipeline Company filed a joint application to intervene on September 21. No party has objected to either application to intervene.

The Commission finds that DNR, Praxair, and Explorer Pipeline have interests in this case that are different from those of the general public and that those interests may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing DNR and Praxair and Explorer Pipeline to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Application to Intervene of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is granted.
2. The joint Application to Intervene of Praxair, Inc., and Explorer Pipeline Company is granted.
3. This order shall become effective on October 3, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2007.