

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Application for Variance and)
Request for Clarification Concerning Selected)
Provisions of Commission Rules Related to)
Electric Utility Resource Planning.) **Case No. EE-2010-0246**

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: April 5, 2010

Effective Date: April 5, 2010

On February 26, 2010¹, The Empire District Electric Company asked the Commission to grant it variances from certain requirements of the Commission's Integrated Resource Planning Rule, 4 CSR 240-22. Empire also seeks clarification of other requirements. The Commission's rule requires Empire to file its Integrated Resource Planning Filing (IRP) in September 2010. The purpose of the IRP filing is to ensure that investor-owned electric utilities, such as Empire, consider all options, including demand side efficiency and energy management measures, to provide safe, reliable, and efficient electric service to the public at reasonable rates, in a manner that serves the public interest.

The Commission issued notice of this application on March 1, and gave interested parties until March 21 to request intervention. The Commission received a timely intervention request from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR").

¹ All calendar references are to 2010 unless otherwise noted.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings and motions. No party objected to the application to intervene within the ten-day deadline. Thus, the Commission will take up the application unopposed.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) permits the Commission to allow a person to intervene on a showing that the proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. The Commission finds that the above-listed application for intervention meet either or both of those tests.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The above-listed application to intervene is granted.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of April, 2010.