

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Submission of its 2013 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan

File No. EO-2013-0458

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: May 9, 2013

Effective Date: May 9, 2013

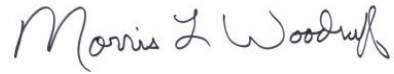
On April 15, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) its Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan (“Plan”) pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100. On May 6, 2013, Empire filed a *Motion for Permission to File Substitute Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan and Motion for Expedited Treatment*. Empire requests that the Commission grant it permission to file a substitute Plan in order to correct errors in the language of the original Plan. Empire also requests expedited treatment of its motion by May 15, 2013 so that other parties may prepare their comments to the Plan, which are due no later than May 30, 2013. The Commission will provide a deadline for parties to respond to Empire’s request for permission to file a substitute Plan.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to The Empire District Electric Company's Motion for Permission to File Substitute Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan and Motion for Expedited Treatment, shall do so no later than May 13, 2012.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of May, 2013.