

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's)
Application Concerning Demand-Side Programs) File No. EO-2012-0206
and a Demand-Side Program Investment Mechanism)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION REQUESTS AND SETTING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 29, 2012

Effective Date: February 29, 2012

On February 28, 2012, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed an application seeking approval of demand-side programs and for authority to establish a Demand Side Management Investment Mechanism tracker. The Commission will direct notice and establish a deadline for applications to intervene. Due to the 120-day deadline imposed upon the Commission by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.094(3), the Commission will also set a prehearing conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon each party to File No. ER-2011-0004.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within The Empire District Electric Company's service area.
3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing The Empire District Electric Company's service area and to the news media serving The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

4. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an appropriate pleading no later than March 9, 2012, with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

5. A prehearing conference shall be held on March 12, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. That room is in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

6. Anyone wishing to appear by telephone may do so by calling 573-526-5504 or 866-630-9347.

7. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of February, 2012.