BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of a Determination of Special)	
Contemporary Resource Planning Issues to be	
Addressed by The Empire District Electric Company)	File No. EO-2012-0040
in its Next Triennial Compliance Filing or Next)	
Annual Update Report	

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO STRIKE

Issue Date: October 17, 2011 Effective Date: October 17, 2011

On October 12, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company filed a motion asking the Commission to strike the pleading filed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on September 30, 2011. Because the Commission must deal with the underlying issues in this case promptly, the Commission will establish a date by which any response to that motion must be filed.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Any party wishing to respond to Empire's Motion to Strike shall do so no later than October 18, 2011.
 - 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed

Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of October, 2011.