

**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 OPENING A FILE REGARDING SPECIAL CONTEMPORARY  
RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES AND OFFERING PARTIES AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO FILE SUGGESTIONS**

Issue Date: August 4, 2011

Effective Date: August 4, 2011

A provision in the Commission’s revised electric utility resource planning rule, 4 CSR 240-22.080(4), requires Missouri’s electric utilities to consider and analyze special contemporary issues in their triennial compliance filings and in their annual update reports. The regulation requires the Commission to issue an order by November 1 of each year specifying the list of special contemporary issues that each electric utility is to address. The regulation also provides that by September 15, Staff, Public Counsel, and other interested parties may file suggested issues for consideration. The regulation then allows the utilities and other parties until October 1 to file comments regarding the suggested issues.

The Commission has created this file to facilitate the process established by the regulation. Any party that wishes to suggest an issue for consideration by The Empire District Electric Company may file its suggestion in this case by September 15. All parties to Empire’s most recent resource planning case, EO-2011-0066 will be made parties to this case.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. All parties to Case Number EO-2011-0066 are made parties to this case.
2. Any party wishing to suggest a special contemporary issue that The Empire District Electric Company should consider in its triennial compliance filings and in its annual update reports shall file its written suggestion no later than September 15, 2011.
3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.