STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	At	а	session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9 th day of March, 2011.
In the Matter of a Repository File Concerning The Empire District Electric Company's Submission of its 2011 RES Compliance Plan)) <u>File No. EO-2011-0276</u>))

ORDER OPENING A REPOSITORY FILE CONCERNING EMPIRE'S 2011 RES COMPLIANCE PLAN

Issue Date: March 9, 2011 Effective Date: March 9, 2011

A provision in the Commission's renewable energy standards rule, 4 CSR 240-20.100(7), requires Missouri's electric utilities to file a Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan on April 15 of each year. Since the rule became effective in September 2010, The Empire District Electric Company must file its first compliance plan on April 15, 2011. Various members of the public having expressed an interest in the company's compliance plan, the Commission has opened this file to establish a repository for the plan and for any comments or responsive documents that may be filed before or after Empire files its plan.

Using this file, any person with an interest in this matter may view documents pertaining to the RES compliance plan and may submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, any person may file a comment without counsel and without *ex parte* constraints (arising from this matter). Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

through the electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments.

You may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at http://www.psc.mo.gov. (Click on the EFIS/Case filings link on the left side of the page.

Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please reference File No. EO-2011-

The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications

0276.) Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O.

Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should reference File No. EO-2011-0276. The

public can view the contents of the file by following the link at http://www.psc.mo.gov.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This case is established as a repository for The Empire District Electric Company's 2011 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan. When Empire files that plan it shall do so in this case.

2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make this order available to the news media of this state and to the members of the General Assembly.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Gunn, Chm., Clayton, Davis, Jarrett, and Kenney, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge