

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company )  
of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to File Tariff Increasing ) **File No. ER-2010-0130**  
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the ) Tariff No. YE-2010-0303  
Missouri Service Area of the Company )

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: November 24, 2009

Effective Date: November 24, 2009

This order directs the City of Joplin to file argument supporting its application to intervene.

The Commission issued an order suspending the tariff of the Empire District Electric Company and directing that those wishing to intervene do so no later than November 20, 2009. On November 24, the City of Joplin filed an application to intervene.

In its application, the City explains that its interest in this matter differs from that of the general public in that it has a police power interest in Empire's exercise of its franchise and that it has an interest in the welfare of its citizens who receive service from Empire.

The Commission will require the City to file a pleading, better explaining how its interest is different from that of the general public and how such interest may be adversely affected by a final order arising in this case. Alternatively, the City may explain how its intervention will serve the general public. Foremost, however, the Commission will require the City to file a pleading showing good cause for having filed its application to intervene out of time.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The City of Joplin shall file no later than December 5, 2009, a pleading as set out in the body of this order.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 24th day of November, 2009.