

**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)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company)
File No. ER-2010-0130

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO POSTPONE
FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: December 23, 2009

Effective Date: December 23, 2009

Without objection from the parties, the Staff of the Commission filed a request to postpone the filing of the procedural schedule until January 8, 2010. Staff's request is granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission's request to postpone the filing of the procedural schedule until January 8, 2010, is granted.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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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 23rd day of December, 2009.