

**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 Tariffs Increasing Rates)
for Electric Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area of)
the Company.)

File No. ER-2011-0004

JOINT MOTION CONCERNING JOINT STIPULATION OF NON-DISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), the Midwest Energy Users’ Association (MEUA), City of Joplin, Missouri (“Joplin”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), and jointly state as follows:

1. On November 16, 2011, the Commission entered its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule, Establishing Test Year, Establishing Other Procedural Requirements, and Adopting Proposed Customer Notice with Modifications*, in which it ordered the parties to file a Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts on May 6, 2011, and a List of Issues and Position Statements, among other items, on May 16, 2011.

2. Because the parties are still working to reduce the number and breadth of contested issues, they are not certain, at this time, which facts will actually be material to any issues to be presented at hearing.

3. In the interest of filing a less voluminous and more relevant Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts, the parties respectfully request that the date for such filing be extended to May 18, 2011, after the filing of the Issues List and Position Statements.

4. It is undersigned Staff Counsel’s understanding that no parties object to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the signatory parties submit their *Joint Motion Concerning Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts*, and respectfully request that the Commission extend until May 18, 2011, the date for filing a Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes

CUSTOMER NOTICE

On September 28 2010, The Empire District Electric Company filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by \$36.5 million or approximately 9.2 percent. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$13.62 each month.

The Company is also asking to continue the use of the Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) that was approved by the PSC in its last case. The continuation of the FAC will allow the Company to adjust customers' bills twice each year, on June 1st and December 1st, based on the varying costs of fuel used to generate electricity at the Company's generating units and electric energy the Company purchases on behalf of its customers.

Public hearings are scheduled on Empire's request. The public hearing will consist of two parts. During the first part representatives of the Company will explain their request to the public. The PSC staff and the Office of Public Counsel will also answer questions and may present their positions regarding the request. The second part is a formal hearing to assure that members of public have the opportunity to make their views on the request, service or billing issues known to the Commission.

Local public hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- At 12:00 pm*, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri.
- At 6:00 pm*, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri.
- At 12:00 pm*, Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the Tri-Lakes TCRC, University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Spring High School, ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413 (in the South Wing of Reeds Spring High School), Reeds Spring, Missouri.

***A question-and-answer session will be held approximately one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.**

If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City during the weeks of (month) (day) through (month) (day), and (month) (day) through (month) (day), beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.