BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire)
District Electric Company for Authority) **File No. ER-2014-0351**
To File Tariffs Increasing Rates for) Tracking No.: YE-2015-0074
Electric Service Provided to Customers)
In the Company's Missouri Service Area)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: September 24, 2014   Effective Date: September 24, 2014

On August 29, 2014, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed revised tariff sheets. The Commission issued an order suspending the tariff sheets and setting a deadline for entities to file applications to intervene.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development-Division of Energy ("DE") filed a timely application to intervene. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3) authorizes the Commission to grant an application to intervene if the party has an interest different from that of the general public which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting intervention would serve the public interest. DE is a state agency vested with powers and duties by statute that include the authority to plan for future energy needs and energy resource development. DE's interests are different than that of the general public. Furthermore, DE's intervention may serve the public interest.

Upon review of the unopposed application, the Commission finds DE meets the standards set in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3). Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1.   The application of the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy to intervene is granted.

2.   This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of September, 2014.