

**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-2010-0130**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION
TO DEFER START OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Issue Date: April 30, 2010

Effective Date: April 30, 2010

On April 30, 2010, the Staff of the Commission filed, on behalf of all of the parties, a motion to defer the start of the evidentiary hearing, which was to begin on May 3. In its motion, Staff informs the Commission that the parties have reached agreements in principle as to all issues, except whether the Plum Point Generating Station has become fully operational. Staff points out that a separate hearing has been reserved for that specific issue.

The Commission has reviewed the motion and finding it reasonable will grant the requested relief.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission's motion to defer the start of the evidentiary hearing is granted.
2. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for May 3 through May 14, 2010 is cancelled.

3. 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 30th day of April, 2010.