

**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 File No. YE-2010-0303
Missouri Service Area of the Company)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO FILE
STATEMENTS OF POSITIONS OUT OF TIME**

Issue Date: April 29, 2010

Effective Date: April 29, 2010

By order issued, the Commission directed the parties to file their Statements of Positions no later than April 28, 2010. Both the Office of the Public Counsel and The Empire District Electric Company filed motions to file their Statements one day late. Public Counsel filed its request along with its Statement.

Because the parties have been in discussions and presumably are aware of Empire's and Public Counsel's positions, the Commission finds that no party is prejudiced by their late filing. The Commission will therefore grant the motions. If any party has concerns about the late-filed Statements that must be brought before the Commission, they may do so Monday, May 3, at the start of the on-the-record proceedings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's motion for leave to file out of time is granted and its late-filed Statement of Position is accepted.
2. The Empire District Electric Company's motion to file its Statement of Position out of time is granted.

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 29th day of April, 2010.