OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Application for Variance and)	
Clarification Concerning Select Provisions of)	Case No. EE-2008-0025
Commission Rules Related to Electric)	
Utility Resource Planning.)	

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: August 17, 2007 Effective Date: August 17, 2007

The Empire District Electric Company has asked the Commission to grant it variances from certain requirements of the Commission's Integrated Resource Planning Rule, 4 CSR 240-22. On July 26, 2007, the Commission issued an order establishing an intervention deadline of August 9. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) filed an application to intervene on August 8. No party has objected to that application to intervene.

The Commission finds that DNR has an interest that is different from that of the general public and that its interest may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing DNR to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

 The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Application to Intervene is granted. 2. This order shall become effective on [date of issue].

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of August, 2007.