BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric)
Company for the Issuance of an Accounting Authority Order) **File No. EU-2011-0387**
Relating to its Electrical Operations and for a Contingent)
Waiver of the Notice Requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.020(2))

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR FILING REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: June 7, 2011   Effective Date: June 7, 2011

On June 6, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed an application for an Accounting Authority Order (AAO) that would allow Empire to undertake certain accounting procedures in connection with its electrical operations in relation to the damage caused by the May 22, 2011 tornado that struck the City of Joplin, Missouri. The Commission will direct notice and will establish a deadline for applications to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon each party to File No. ER-2011-0004.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Empire's service area and to the news media serving Empire's service area.

4. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an appropriate pleading no later than June 30, 2011, with:

Steven C. Reed Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of June, 2011.