

**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 REGARDING EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Issue Date: April 28, 2010

Effective Date: April 28, 2010

The start time for the hearing on May 3, 2010 will be 8:30 a.m. At that time, in addition to discussing any other prehearing matters, the parties will be afforded the opportunity to number exhibits. Exhibits shall be numbered with the abbreviated party name followed by the number of that party's exhibit. For instance: Empire1, Empire2, Staff1, OPC1, OPC2, etc. If any party has questions with regard to numbering exhibits, contact the judge at 573-751-8518.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall number exhibits as set out in the body of this order.
2. 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 28th day of April, 2010.