

**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)	<u>File No. ER-2011-0004</u>
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the)	Tariff No. YE-2011-0154
Missouri Service Area of the Company)	

**ORDER REGARDING TRUE-UP PROCEEDING
AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: April 19, 2011

Effective Date: April 19, 2011

On March 31, 2011, the Commission directed the parties to inform the Commission if a True-Up proceeding would be required on the dates that had been tentatively reserved. The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") responded stating a True-Up proceeding would be required. The Commission's Staff, in turn, requested Empire to delineate the specific list of items to be taken up in the True-Up proceeding. Empire then listed the following items to be updated through March 31, 2011: capital structure, rate base, customer growth, depreciation expense, property tax, payroll, FAS 87/106, and fuel and purchased power expense, to include, but not be limited to, updated contracts prices for coal, wind power, fuel transportation and fuel storage.

In addition to directing that these items be addressed during the True-Up proceeding, Empire will be directed to update the Commission on all of the expenses it has incurred in association with this rate case.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The True-Up proceeding shall proceed according to the procedural schedule established on November 16, 2010; i.e., True-Up Direct filed May 6, 2011;

True-Up Rebuttal filed on May 20, 2011; True-Up Hearing to be held on June 6-7, 2011, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

2. No later than May 6, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company shall file a report updating the Commission on all actual expenses it has incurred in association with this rate case. Thereafter, The Empire District Electric Company shall file a report updating the Commission on all actual expenses it has incurred in association with this rate case no later than the first business day of each month. Empire shall file these monthly updates until this case is closed by the Commission.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of April, 2011.