

**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 GRANTING STAFF’S REQUEST REGARDING
CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY AND SETTING DEADLINE AND
FORMAT FOR UPDATED RECONCILIATION**

Issue Date: May 10, 2011

Effective Date: May 10, 2011

On May 6, 2011, true-up direct testimony was filed by Staff witness Daniel Beck. Staff requests the Commission to order The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) to review Mr. Beck’s testimony and designate all information within that testimony that Empire considers to be either highly confidential or proprietary within five days of this order. The Commission finds the request reasonable and will grant it. But the Commission will determine the appropriate deadline for this filing.

Also on May 6, 2011, Staff filed a revenue requirement reconciliation, but Staff indicated that it would file an updated reconciliation reflecting the parties’ true-up positions at an appropriate later date. The Commission will set a deadline and format for that filing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission’s request regarding the designation of Daniel Beck’s testimony is granted. The Empire District Electric Company shall designate which information in Daniel Beck’s True-Up Direct Testimony is highly confidential or proprietary no later than May 18, 2011.

2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a revised and updated revenue requirement reconciliation no later than May 18, 2011. The reconciliation shall make a full, side-by-side comparison of the parties' positions, including all parties that have positions on revenue requirement. At minimum, this will include the company's positions compared to Staff's and the Office of the Public Counsel's positions.

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 10th day of May, 2011.