

**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) File No. ER-2011-0004
 Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service)
 Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service)
 Area of the Company

ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: May 13, 2011

Effective Date: May 13, 2011

On May 13, 2011, the majority of the parties requested an extension of time for filing their position statements. Specifically, they request an extension until May 20, 2011 for this filing. The Commission finds an extension is reasonable, but the Commission also requires time to prepare for the evidentiary hearing that is rapidly approaching. Consequently, the Commission will grant an extension until May 19, 2011.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The deadline for filing position statements is extended until Thursday, May 19, 2011.
2. This order does not alter any other deadline already set by Commission order.

3. This order shall become effective immediately on 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 13th day of May, 2011.