

**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.)

Case No. ER-2011-0004

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE STAFF'S CONSTRUCTION AUDIT AND
PRUDENCE REVIEW OF IATAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), by and through Staff Counsel's Office, and requests leave to late-file *Staff's Construction Audit and Prudence Review of Iatan Construction Project*. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. Staff's request for leave to late-file is occasioned by the requirements of other Commission cases and business in addition to the instant case.
2. Staff anticipates that it will complete the filing of *Staff's Construction Audit and Prudence Review of Iatan Construction Project* on Thursday, February 24, 2011. Neither the Staff nor undersigned counsel requests this leave to vex the Commission or The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire").
3. Undersigned counsel has discussed this matter with counsel for Empire, who did not object to Staff's request.
4. The Staff and undersigned counsel do not believe any undue hardships will occur with the late filing of this document.

WHEREFORE the Staff requests leave to late-file *Staff's Construction Audit and Prudence Review of Iatan Construction Project*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 23rd day of February, 2011.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes_____