

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company of Joplin, Missouri Tariffs)
Increasing Rates for Electric Service)
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service)
Area of the Company)

File No. ER-2012-0345

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: August 3, 2012

Effective Date: August 3, 2012

On July 6, 2012, The Empire District Electric Company submitted tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for utility service. The deadline for persons requesting to intervene in this matter was July 19, 2012. On July 23, 2012, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”) filed an application to intervene and motion to late file. MECG also amended its application to intervene on July 23, 2012. Ten days have elapsed and no parties have objected to MECG’s application. The application satisfies all requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 and intervention will be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion to late file and application to intervene filed by Midwest Energy Consumers Group, as amended, are granted.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of August, 2012.