STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Empire District Electric Company's Application for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Electric Rates for the Service Provided to Customers

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Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. ER-2006-0315

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESPONSE TO ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), pursuant to this

Commission's June 30, 2006, Order Requiring Additional Information or Supplemental

Filing states that the information requested by the Commission is outside of the areas of

the Department's expertise. The Department is confident that other parties to this case,

however, have the necessary expertise to answer the questions posed.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully

submits this Response to the Commission's June 30, 2006, Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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