

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric)
Company for the Issuance of an Accounting Authority Order) **File No. EU-2011-0387**
Relating to its Electrical Operations and for a Contingent)
Waiver of the Notice Requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.020(2))

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO INTERVENE AND SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: July 6, 2011

Effective Date: July 6, 2011

On June 6, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed an application for an Accounting Authority Order (AAO) that would allow Empire to undertake certain accounting procedures in connection with its electrical operations in relation to the damage caused by the May 22, 2011 tornado that struck the City of Joplin, Missouri. On June 23, 2011, Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline Company filed a timely application to intervene. No party has responded to, or objected to, the request. The application satisfies all requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 and intervention will be granted. The Commission will also set a procedural conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The unopposed application to intervene filed by Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline Company is granted.
2. The parties shall appear at a procedural conference to be held on July 14, 2011, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing

conference shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

3. Any party that wishes to participate in the conference by telephone may do so by calling (573) 522-5993 at the time set for the conference and entering password *456 at the prompt.

4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of July, 2011.