

**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) **File No. ER-2011-0004**
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the) Tariff No. YE-2011-0154
Missouri Service Area of the Company)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 31, 2011

Effective Date: March 31, 2011

On September 28, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for electric service. When the Commission established the procedural schedule it reserved time for convening a True-Up hearing, should one be required. The parties will be directed to inform the Commission as to whether a True-Up hearing is required.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than April 7, 2011, the parties shall inform the Commission as to whether a True-Up hearing is required.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)


Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of March, 2011.