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 DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 24, 2013

Effective Date: January 24, 2013

On January 24, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed a *Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony*. Empire requests permission to file supplemental rebuttal testimony of W. Scott Keith, a copy of which is included with the motion. Empire represents that some of the other parties do not oppose the motion. Since not all of the parties have expressed consent, the Commission will provide an opportunity for the filing of responses to Empire's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any person wishing to respond to Empire's *Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony* shall file such response no later than January 28, 2013. 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Shelley Brueggemann Acting 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 24th day of January, 2013.