

**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: July 12, 2012

Effective Date: July 12, 2012

On July 6, 2012, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) submitted tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for utility service. Empire also included separate tariffs (YE-2013-0021) to increase Empire’s gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$6.2 million, subject to refund, on an interim basis. Empire requested that the Commission not suspend the tariff sheets providing an interim rate adjustment and allow those tariff sheets to take effect by operation of law on their effective date, August 5, 2012. The Commission will direct the filing of responses to Empire’s request for an interim rate adjustment.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any person wishing to respond to Empire’s request for an interim rate adjustment contained in tariff sheets bearing Tracking No. YE-2013-0021 shall file such response no later than July 20, 2012.

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 12th day of July, 2012.