

**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 AND SETTING FILING REQUIREMENTS

Issue Date: July 23, 2012

Effective Date: July 23, 2012

On July 9, 2012, the Commission issued the *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, Setting Procedural Conference and Directing Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule*, which required persons wishing to intervene in this matter to file an application to intervene no later than July 19, 2012. On July 23, 2012, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”) filed an application to intervene and a motion to late-file the application. The Commission will direct the filing of responses to MECG’s application to intervene and impose further requirements for the modification of intervention applications.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to the Midwest Energy Consumers Group’s application to intervene shall file such response no later than August 2, 2012.
2. Any party wishing to include additional persons or entities as members of an association or group that has previously been granted intervention in this matter shall immediately notify the Commission of the new member. Upon such notification, each other party shall have ten (10) days to respond to the notice.

3. 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 23rd day of July, 2012.