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 EXPEDITED RESPONSES

Issue Date: May 17, 2011 Effective Date: May 17, 2011

On May 17, 2011, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a "Motion in Limine and Motion for Expedited Treatment." Because the evidentiary hearing is rapidly approaching, the Commission will require expedited responses to this motion.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party wishing to file a response to Staff's motion shall file said response no later than May 20, 2011.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of May, 2011.