

# 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 ESTABLISHING RESPONSE DEADLINE

Issue Date: October 26, 2010

Effective Date: October 26, 2010

On September 28, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for electric service. The Commission issued notice and set an intervention deadline. The Midwest Energy Users’ Association (“MEUA”)<sup>1</sup> filed a timely application to intervene; however, Empire has opposed the manner in which MEUA members have sought intervention. The prehearing conference is rapidly approaching and MEUA members will need to know their party status. Consequently, the Commission will set an expedited deadline for MEUA to respond.

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than October 29, 2010, the Midwest Energy Users’ Association shall respond to The Empire District Electric Company’s suggestions in opposition to its application to intervene.

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<sup>1</sup> MEUA is an unincorporated ad-hoc association of large commercial and industrial users of electricity, and for purposes of this application MEUA participants include Praxair, Inc., Explorer Pipeline Company and Enbridge Energy, L.L.P.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26th day of October, 2010.