BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of The Empire District Electric |) | |
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| Company of Joplin, Missouri Tariffs |) | |
| Increasing Rates for Electric Service |) | File No. ER-2012-0345 |
| Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service |) | |
| Area of the Company |) | |

NOTICE REGARDING DISCOVERY CONFERENCE

Issue Date: August 29, 2012

The Commission has established a telephone conference line for the use of participants in the discovery conference scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on September 5, 2012. Any party that wants to participate in the conference by phone may do so by calling 573-526-5504 (or toll-free 866-630-9347) at the time set for the beginning of the conference.

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 29th day of August, 2012.