

**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 Rates for Electric Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area of the)
Company)


File No. ER-2011-0004

AFFIDAVIT OF ADAM BICKFORD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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CITY OF JEFFERSON)

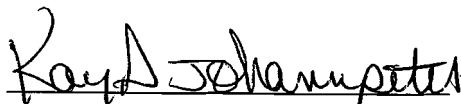
Adam Bickford, of lawful age, being duly sworn on his oath, deposes and states:

1. My name is Adam Bickford. I work in the City of Jefferson, Missouri, and I am employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Energy as a Research Analyst.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Energy, consisting of twelve pages of testimony and five pages of schedules, all of which have been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-referenced docket.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Adam Bickford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of February, 2011.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

KAY A. JOHANNPETER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Moniteau County
My Commission Expires: Aug. 4, 2011
Commission # 07551967

