OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Submission of its 2013 Renewable)	File No. EO-2013-0458
Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: April 25, 2013 Effective Date: April 25, 2013

On April 15, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100. On the same date, Empire also filed a *Request for Waiver or Variance from 4 CSR 240-20.100(7)(B)1.F* and Motion for Expedited Treatment ("Motion"). The Commission directed notice and set a deadline of April 25, 2013 for any person or entity to respond to the Motion.

On April 24, 2013, Staff requested an extension of time until May 2, 2013 to respond to the Motion. Staff states that is has good cause for the request because necessary Staff members have been out of the office completing scheduled utility site visits and not available to prepare the response. Staff also represents that no other party opposes the requested extension of time. The Commission finds the request reasonable and will extend the deadline for Staff to respond to the Motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File Recommendation on Waiver Request is granted. The deadline for Staff to respond to the Motion is extended until no later than May 2, 2013.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Joshua Harden

Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of April, 2013.