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
Tariff No. YE-2011-0154

ORDER ESTABLISHING RESPONSE DEADLINE AND EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR FILING REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON REVENUE REQUIREMENT

Issue Date: March 21, 2011 Effective Date: March 21, 2011

On March 21, 2011, The Empire District Electric Company sought an expedited ruling on admitting evidence from File ER-2010-0355 into this record, or, in the alternative, to extend the due date for filing rebuttal testimony on issues regarding Kansas City Power and Light Company's prudence pertaining to the latan plants. Recognizing the Commission will not be able to render a decision on Empire's request by March 25, 2011 as requested, in addition to setting a deadline for responses the Commission will also extend the deadline for filing rebuttal testimony on revenue requirement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Any responses to The Empire District Electric Company's March 21, 2011 motion shall be filed no later than March 25, 2011.
- 2. The deadline for filing rebuttal testimony on revenue requirement is extended until April 7, 2011.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed

Secretary

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 21st day of March, 2011.