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

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ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION REGARDING STIPULATION OF NON-DISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS, AND DIRECTING THE PRE-NUMBERING OF HEARING EXHIBITS AND PREPARATION OF EXHIBIT LISTS

Issue Date: May 5, 2011

Effective Date: May 5, 2011

On May 4, 2011, the parties jointly requested an extension of the deadline to file the

Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts. For the reasons stated in the motion, the

Commission finds the request reasonable and will grant it.

Additionally, the Commission will direct the parties regarding the preparation of their

hearing exhibits.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The "Joint Motion Concerning Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts" is

granted. The deadline to file the Joint Stipulation of Non-Disputed Material Facts is extended until May 18, 2011.

2. The parties shall pre-number their hearing exhibits sequentially with individual party designation as follows:

a.) Empire Exhibit No. 1, Empire Exhibit No. 2, Empire Exhibit No. 3, etc.

b.) Joplin Exhibit No. 1, Joplin Exhibit No. 2, Joplin Exhibit No. 3, etc.

c.) KCPL Exhibit No. 1, KCPL Exhibit No. 2, KCPL Exhibit No. 3, etc.

d.) MEUA Exhibit No. 1, MEUA Exhibit No. 2, MEUA Exhibit No. 3, etc.

e.) MDNR Exhibit No. 1, MDNR Exhibit No. 2, MDNR Exhibit No. 3, etc.

f.) OPC Exhibit No. 1, OPC Exhibit No. 2, OPC Exhibit No. 3, etc.

g.) Staff Exhibit No. 1, Staff Exhibit No. 2, Staff Exhibit No. 3, etc.

3. Each party shall prepare a comprehensive exhibit list before the evidentiary hearing and the true-up proceeding, with the listed exhibits numbered sequentially as directed in paragraph 2. Copies of the exhibit lists shall be provided to the Commissioners, the Regulatory Law Judge and the Court Reporter at the beginning of each of the respective proceedings.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of May, 2011.