

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of The Empire)
District Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri)
to Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers)
in the Missouri Service Area of the Company)

Case No. ER-2006-0315

ORDER CONFIRMING HEARING

Issue Date: November 7, 2006

Effective Date: November 7, 2006

On February 1, 2006, The Empire District Electric Company applied to the Commission for authority to file tariffs increasing rates for electric service provided to customers in the Missouri Service Area of the Company. On October 31, 2006, the Commission attempted to re-convene the hearing for admission of testimony and cross-examination of the witnesses on true-up, corporate allocations and regulatory plan amortization. That proceeding was objected to as having been set with fewer than ten day's notice. Therefore, the Commission will re-convene the hearing in this matter at 9:30, Monday, November 20, 2006 for the limited purpose stated above. Parties will have the opportunity to make closing arguments on these three topics, in lieu of further briefs.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission will re-convene the hearing in this matter at 9:30 a.m., Monday, November 20, 2006 in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you

need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. Parties will be limited to cross-examination of witnesses who offered pre-filed testimony on the subjects of corporate allocations, regulatory plan amortizations and true-up testimony.

3. The order of cross-examination will take place as set forth in the List of Issues filed by Staff, on August 28, 2006.

4. The order of witnesses for corporate allocations will be as follows: The Empire District Electric Company; and the Staff of the Commission.

5. The order of witnesses for regulatory plan amortizations will be as follows: Empire; Staff; the Office of the Public Counsel; Kansas City Power & Light; Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline Company.

6. The order of witnesses for true-up testimony will be as follows: Empire; Staff; the Office of the Public Counsel; Praxair and Explorer.

7. Parties will have the opportunity to make closing arguments on these three topics, in lieu of further briefs.

8. This order shall become effective on November 7, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by
delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of November, 2006.