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August 16, 2002

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Re: Case No. ER-2002-424

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

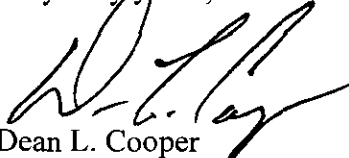
Enclosed for filing on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion To Continue Date for Filing of Staff Testimony.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Dean L. Cooper

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Enclosure

cc: John Coffman
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
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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.)

Case No. ER-2002-424

**MOTION TO CONTINUE DATE FOR FILING OF
STAFF TESTIMONY**

Comes now The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by and through its counsel, and for its Motion to Continue Date for Filing of Staff Testimony respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

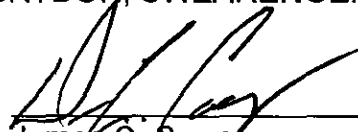
1. Pursuant to the terms of the Procedural Schedule in this case the filing of Staff testimony related to revenue requirement is due August 16, 2002.
2. Based upon discussions that Company personnel have had with the Staff, it appears that additional time for Empire and the Staff to discuss the underlying basis for the Staff testimony may assist the efficient processing of this case.
3. Empire therefore requests that the date for the filing of Staff's revenue requirement testimony be continued until August 23, 2002.

WHEREFORE, Empire moves the Commission to continue the date for the filing of Staff's revenue requirement direct testimony until August 23, 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 16th day of August, 2002, to all parties of record.

