

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of The)	
Empire District Electric Company to)	
Implement a General Rate Increase for)	Case No. ER-2004-0570
Retail Electric Service Provided to)	
Customers in its Missouri Service Area)	

STAFF’S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and respectfully states as follows:

1. In its Order Directing Filing, issued March 3, 2005, the Commission directed the Staff to file, by March 7, 2005, a revised Reconciliation and Accounting Schedules. The Order indicated that the filing should show the parties’ positions “as to each of the remaining contested issues and the Revenue Requirement value of the settled, uncontested issues, clearly distinguishing the amount of revenue that Empire will receive subject to refund from the amount it will receive that will not be subject to refund.”

2. Based on its understanding of the Commission’s Order, the Staff believes that it will need additional time, until March 9, 2005, in order to comply with the Commission’s request. The Staff apologizes for the delay. The Commission has given the other parties until March 9, 2005 to respond, and will likely want to extend the time for responses to March 11, 2005.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the deadline for filing the revised Reconciliation and Accounting Schedules be extended to March 9, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 7th day of March 2005.

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