

**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) Case No. ER-2006-0315
Rate Increase for Retail Electric Service Provided)
to Customers in its Missouri Service Area.)

NOTICE OF DEPOSITIONS

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and hereby notifies the Commission of the Staff's intention to take the telephone depositions of two witnesses for The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") in the above-styled proceeding. The details are as follows:

Steven M. Fetter – Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 1:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time
William L. Gipson – Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time

The Staff advised Empire last week that the Staff wanted to take the deposition of these two Empire witnesses and mutually agreeable dates and times have been reached as indicated by the above schedule. All other parties were notified by e-mail yesterday, Monday, August 7, 2006 of the above schedule for the depositions. The Staff intends to take the depositions from Room 130 in the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri at the dates and times indicated above.

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 8th day of August 2006.

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