

**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.)	

STAFF NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESPOND

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the General Counsel's Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), and states that it intends to respond to the Notice Of Filing Of Proposed Report And Order By The Empire District Electric Company and The Empire District Electric Company's (Empire's) proposed Report And Order Upon Reconsideration, the Office of the Public Counsel's Response To Order Directing Filing Of Proposed Orders, and the Response Of Praxair, Inc. And Explorer Pipeline Regarding Requested Proposed Orders each filed on January 18, 2008. The Staff is working to make its filing as soon as possible given the requirements of Commission business, including Case No. ER-2006-0315, and the availability of the necessary members of the Staff. Among other things, the Staff is endeavoring to verify the recommended numbers in Empire's proposed Report And Order Upon Reconsideration.

Wherefore the Staff states that it intends to respond as soon as possible to the January 18, 2008 filings of Empire, the Office of the Public Counsel and Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline in the instant case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 22nd day of January 2008.

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