OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric	
Company's Tariffs to Increase Rates for Electric	Case No. ER-2008-0093
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri	Tariff No. YE-2009-0098
Service Area of the Company	

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF TARIFF SHEETS

Issue Date: August 7, 2008 Effective Date: August 7, 2008

On August 6, 2008, The Empire District Electric Company filed tariff sheets it claims comply with the Commission's Report and Order issued on July 30, effective August 9. Empire's tariff sheets carry an effective date of September 5, but Empire asks the Commission to allow the tariff sheets not related to the fuel adjustment clause to take effect for services rendered on and after August 23. Empire asks the Commission to allow the fuel adjustment clause tariff sheets to take effect for services rendered on and after September 1.

The Commission will attempt to comply with Empire's request for expedited consideration if doing so will not unreasonably infringe on the ability of other parties to review Empire's tariff sheets. If the Commission is to approve the tariff sheets to take effect on August 23, and give its order a ten-day effective date, it will need to act no later than August 12. Therefore, the Commission will order its Staff to file a recommendation regarding Empire's tariff sheets no later than August 8. Any other party wishing to object to the request for expedited approval, or that Empire's tariff sheets do not comply with the

Commission's July 30 Report and Order, shall do so no later than August 11. If any party believes the filing dates established in this order do not allow a reasonable opportunity to review Empire's tariff sheets, that party may file an appropriate motion requesting additional time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Staff shall file its recommendation regarding The Empire District Electric
 Company's compliance tariff sheets no later than August 8, 2008.
- 2. Any party wishing to object to the request for expedited approval, or that The Empire District Electric Company's tariff sheets do not comply with the Commission's Report and Order issued on July 30, 2008, shall do so no later than August 11, 2008.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on August 7, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy 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 August, 2008.