BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Application for Expedited Treatment)
Concerning Net Metering Tariff Sheets)

Case No. ET-2008-0223
Tariff No. YE-2008-0408

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 18, 2008 Effective Date: January 18, 2008

On January 3, 2008, The Empire District Electric Company filed a revised tariff that would implement a new Missouri statute, the "Net Metering and Easy Connection Act", 1 which took effect on January 1, 2008. That tariff carries an effective date of February 2, but Empire filed a motion along with its tariff asking the Commission to expedite its approval of the tariff to allow it to go into effect on January 17. Staff filed a favorable recommendation the following day.

The Office of the Public Counsel filed a Motion to Suspend on January 9. OPC claims that the tariffs have numbering issues due to the Commission's treatment of Empire's tariff from a prior rate case. Thus, OPC asks the Commission to suspend the tariffs until the numbering issues are resolved.

On January 15, the Commission issued an Order of Clarification in another Empire case, which is Case No. ER-2006-0315. That order clarifies Empire tariff numbering issues. In light of that order, the Commission will order OPC to state what objection, if any, it now has to the net metering tariff sheets pending in this case.

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¹ Section 386.890, RSMo (Supp. 2007)

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Office of The Public Counsel shall state what objections, if any, it now has to the tariff sheets pending in this case no later than noon, January 23, 2008.
 - 2. This order shall become effective on January 18, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 18th day of January, 2008.