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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company to Adopt
a Shareholder Rights Plan
Case No. EA-2000-764**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, I deliver herewith an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Consideration to be filed with the Commission. A copy is also being hand-delivered to the Commission General Counsel's office and the Office of the Public Counsel this date.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of the Motion for Expedited Consideration which I request that you stamp "Filed" and return to the person delivering same to you.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

Paul A. Boudreau

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Enclosures

cc: Commission General Counsel's Office
The Office of Public Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company for)
an Order authorizing it to Renew its)
Shareholders Rights Plan by Making a)
Dividend Distribution to All Holders of)
its Common Stock of Certain Rights,)
including, among other things, the Right)
to Purchase Additional Shares of)
Preference and Common Stock of the)
Company, to issue and sell such Additional)
Shares of Stock as may be required by the)
Exercise of such Rights.)

Case No. EA-2000-764

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), and for its Motion for Expedited Consideration of its Application for approval to adopt a shareholder rights plan, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On May 17, 2000, Empire caused to be filed with the Commission an Application in the captioned matter. The Application seeks an Order authorizing Empire to adopt and implement an April 27, 2000, Rights Agreement by making a dividend distribution to all holders of its common stock. In its Application, Empire has requested an Order authorizing the described transaction be issued by no later than June 30, 2000.

2. The reason for having an Order by that date is to enable Empire to coordinate through the necessary activities to make the dividend distribution so as to ensure continuity with the existing Rights Agreement, which expires on July 25, 2000.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Empire requests that the Commission direct that this matter be given expedited consideration such that an Order by the Commission approving Empire's Application may issue no later than June 30, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 19th day of May, 2000, to:

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