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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: Empire District Electric Company - Case No. ER-2001-299**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

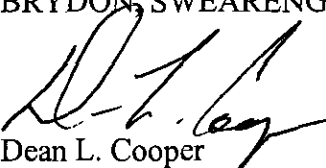
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and eight copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Tariff Sheets. Please stamp the enclosed extra copy "filed" and return same to me.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

  
Dean L. Cooper

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel  
Office of General Counsel  
Mr. Stuart Conrad

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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**Missouri Public  
Service Commission**

In the matter of The Empire District Electric )  
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to )  
Implement a General Rate Increase for )  
Retail Electric Service Provided to )  
Customers in the Missouri Service Area )  
of the Company )

Case No. ER-2001-299

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND  
APPROVAL OF TARIFF SHEETS**

Comes now The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or the "Company") and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Tariff Sheets pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(17) and 4 CSR 240-2.065(2), states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

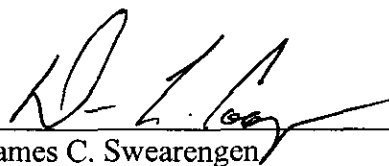
1. On September 20, 2001, the Commission issued its Report and Order in the above-referenced matter, effective October 2, 2001, authorizing the Company to file proposed tariff sheets in compliance with said Report and Order.
2. Concurrent with the filing of this Motion, the Company is filing its proposed revised tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order. These tariff sheets bear an issue date of September 26, 2001 and an effective date of October 26, 2001. However, the Company requests that the Commission expedite its treatment and approval of these tariff sheets so that they may become effective on October 2, 2001.
3. It is appropriate for the Commission to expedite its treatment and approval of these tariffs. This case was implemented by a revised tariff filing on the part of Empire pursuant to § 393.150 RSMo 2000 and the Commission suspended those tariffs for the full statutory period. Accordingly, the operation of law date in this case, giving recognition to the full

suspension period is October 2, 2001, and Empire's initial tariff filing may not be suspended beyond that date. Stated another way, Section 393.150, RSMo provides that a public utility is not required to wait more than eleven months in total after the filing of revised tariffs to implement new rates where the Commission has determined, after full investigation and hearing, that the Company's existing rates are inadequate. That is the case here. Accordingly, there is good cause for the Commission to expedite its treatment and approval of these tariffs, namely compliance with the law, and for that reason there will be no negative effect on Empire's customers or the general public from the granting of this motion.

4. This motion is being filed as soon as it reasonably could have been filed since it is being filed concurrent with the tariffs and only six (6) days after the Commission's issuance of its Report and Order.

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Tariff Sheets and allow the subject tariff sheets to become effective on October 2, 2001, on less than thirty days notice.

Respectfully submitted,

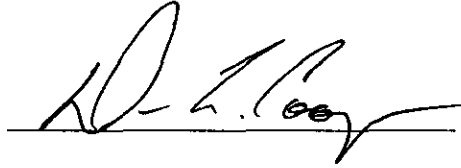


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ATTORNEYS FOR THE EMPIRE DISTRICT  
ELECTRIC COMPANY

**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was either hand delivered, facsimile or placed with the U.S. Postal Service, first class postage prepaid, this 26th day of September, 2001, to the Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Public Counsel and Stuart W. Conrad.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Bay", is written over a horizontal line.