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Enclosed find certified copy of an NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company Joining the Regional Transmission Organization of the Southwest Power Pool

Case No. EO-2002-24

NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGING WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSING CASE

On July 10, 2001, The Empire District Electric Company filed a Request for Finding of Lack of Jurisdiction or, in the Alternative, Application. On November 13, 2001, Empire filed a Notice indicating that it was voluntarily withdrawing its Request.

4 CSR 240-2.116(1) permits an applicant to voluntarily dismiss its application without an order of the Commission at any time before prepared testimony has been filed or oral evidence has been offered. No prepared testimony or oral evidence has been offered in this case. Therefore, the Commission acknowledges that Empire has voluntarily dismissed its Request.

Nothing remains for decision by the Commission and this case may be closed.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Daie Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 15th day of November, 2001.

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge