

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY**

**June 6, 2000**

**CASE NO: EA-2000-764**

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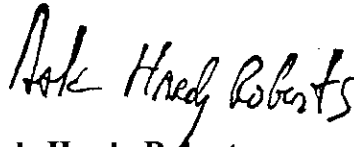
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**Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts**

**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
The Empire District Electric Company for	)	
an Order Authorizing it to Adopt 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	)	<u>Case No. EA-2000-764</u>
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.	)	

**NOTICE TO STAFF REGARDING TIME IN WHICH**  
**TO RESPOND TO REPLY OF EMPIRE DISTRICT**

The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed an Application with the Commission on May 17, 2000, for a Commission order authorizing it to adopt a new shareholders rights plan and to implement that plan by making a dividend distribution to all holders of its common stock. Empire's existing shareholders rights plan expires on July 25, 2000. On May 19, 2000, Empire filed a Motion for Expedited Consideration, asking that the Commission issue an order approving its application no later than June 30, 2000, so as to ensure continuity with the existing Rights Agreement. On May 25, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a response to Empire's Motion indicating that it could not prepare a recommendation regarding Empire's proposal until July 14. On June 2,

Empire filed a Reply to Staff's Response requesting that Staff file its recommendations no later than June 30 so that the Commission would have time to act on the Application before July 25.

If Staff wishes to file a response to Empire's request that the Commission order Staff to file its recommendation by June 30, it shall do so before 3:00 p.m. on June 7, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6th day of June, 2000.

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2000.



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**