BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri, for)
authority to file tariffs increasing)
case rates for electric service provided to)
customers in the Missouri service area of)
the company.

Case No. ER-97-81

NOTICE

The parties are advised that, per the request of the Empire District Electric Company, an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for July 10, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission, 301 West High Street, Harry S Truman State Office Building, Room 520B, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The hearing will be limited to the issue regarding the status, as of midnight June 21, 1997, of the State Line Combustion Turbine No. 2. The parties are advised to have all necessary witnesses available for this hearing.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 3rd day of July, 1997.

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