

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
rates for electric service provided to
customers in the Missouri service area of
the company.

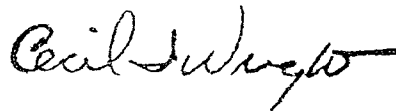
Case No. ER-97-81

NOTICE

The parties are advised that simultaneous briefs on the true-up issue styled "Payroll Expense" are limited to no more than five pages and are due no later than the close of business, June 6, 1997.

In addition, regarding the issues surrounding placing the SLCT2 plant in service and prospective payment or payments to Westinghouse, the parties are advised that an agreement, or procedural schedule and hearing memorandum for the hearing of issues regarding the plant, will be filed with the Commission no later than June 6, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of May, 1997.

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