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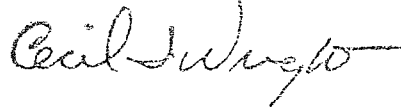
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the consideration of a)
Competitive Market Research Project and) Case No. EO-97-491
Pilot Open Access Program for the Empire)
District Electric Company.)

NOTICE

By consent of the parties, simultaneous initial briefs will be due at the close of business August 6, 1997, and simultaneous reply briefs will be due at the close of business August 21, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



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Executive Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
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