

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
May 22, 2000**

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

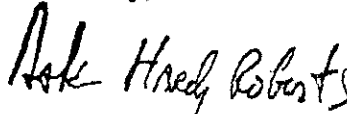
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**Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**

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**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	)	

**ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND**  
**TO MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**

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.

Expedited action by the Commission would require an expedited recommendation from Staff. Before requiring Staff to expedite its

recommendation, the Commission will allow Staff and any other interested parties the opportunity to respond to Empire's Motion for Expedited Consideration.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That any party wishing to respond to The Empire District Electric Company's Motion for Expedited Consideration shall do so on or before May 25, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 25, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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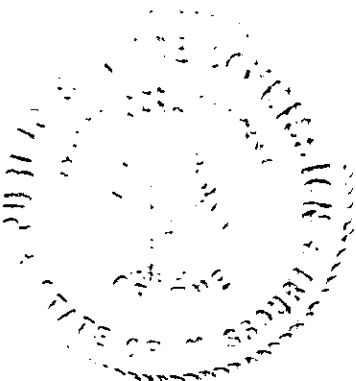
Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory  
Law Judge by delegation of  
Authority pursuant to 4 CSR  
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)  
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22nd of May, 2000.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2000.



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