BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of) The Empire District Electric Company) for a Certificate of Public Convenience) and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct,) Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage) and Maintain an Electric Transmission) and Distribution System to Provide Electric) Service in an Area in Greene County,) Missouri.)

Case No. EA-99-172

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

As indicated during the prehearing conference on June 8, 1999, the Commission will amend the procedural schedule as it relates to the hearing memorandum.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall agree upon and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) shall file one list that includes:

(a) ISSUES: All of the issues to be heard. Any issue not contained in the list will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(b) WITNESSES: The witnesses who are scheduled to appear on each day of the hearing. The list of witnesses shall identify which issue or issues the witness' testimony concerns.

(c) ORDER OF DIRECT TESTIMONY: The order in which the witnesses shall be called.

(d) ORDER OF CROSS-EXAMINATION: The order of cross-examination for each witness.

2. That the list of issues and witnesses shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 15, 1999. The Staff is encouraged to submit, along with its hard copies, an electronic copy of this list in Word, WordPerfect or ASCII format.

3. That each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise.

4. That the statements of position shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 22, 1999. The parties are encouraged to submit, along with their hard copies, electronic copies of this list in Word, WordPerfect or ASCII format.

5. That this order shall become effective on June 24, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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 14th day of June, 1999.



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