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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Filing of the Annual)
Report of The Empire District Electric) Case No. EE-2000-763
Company.)

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT OUT OF TIME

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year."

On May 16, 2000, The Empire District Electric Company, ("Empire") filed a motion with the Commission requesting permission to file its 1999 annual report out of time. Empire stated that it sent its 1999 annual report for its electric operations to the Commission on or before April 15, 2000. This report was incomplete in that it did not incorporate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Form 1. Empire submitted FERC Form 1 on May 1, 2000, via overnight delivery. The Commission returned this filing since an attorney did not file a request for a filing extension at that time for Empire. On May 16, 2000, Empire filed its complete annual report with its Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Annual Report. No objections to Empire's motion were received.

The Commission finds that good cause exists to permit filing of Empire's annual report out of time, and the Commission will grant Empire's motion for leave to file its annual report out of time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That The Empire District Electric Company's, May 16, 2000, motion requesting permission to file its annual report out of time is granted, and the annual report deadline requirement of 4 CSR 240-10.080 is waived and the filing of The Empire District Electric Company's, annual report on May 16, 2000, is approved.

2. That this order shall become effective on June 2, 2000.

3. That this case may be closed on June 5, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, 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 23rd day of May, 2000.