BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of) The Empire District Electric Company ١ 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 Tariff No. 200000568

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

On December 7, 1999, the Commission issued a Report and Order that granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), 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. Empire filed tariff sheets on December 20, with an effective date of January 21, 2000, reflecting the revised territorial boundary lines approved in the Commission's Report and Order. On January 12, Empire filed three substitute tariff sheets to correct typographical errors.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a recommendation on January 13, indicating that the submitted tariff filing is in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the submitted tariffs, as amended, effective on January 21, the requested effective date.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets, as amended, conform to the Commission's Report and Order and should be approved to become effective on January 21.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by The Empire District Electric Company on December 20, 1999, and assigned tariff number 200000568, is approved to become effective on January 21, 2000. The tariff approved is:

> P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Section B 1st Revised Sheet No. 1 Canceling Original Sheet No. 1 Original Sheet No. 2 Original Sheet No. 3

2. That this order shall become effective on January 21, 2000.

3. That this case may be closed on January 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 14th day of January, 2000.