STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY October 29, 2001

CASE NO: EE-2002-120

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company for Permission to)
Transfer its Centurion Software to a Subsidiary) Case No. EE-2002-120
Corporation Pursuant to Certain Conditions)
and for a Variance from 4 CSR 240-20.015)
for the Transaction.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

This order directs Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to inform the Commission when it expects to file its recommendation.

On August 23, 2001, Empire District Electric Company filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting an order approving a proposed transfer of assets to an affiliated company. The application also requested that the Commission grant Empire a variance of Sections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of the affiliate transaction rule.¹

The Commission issued an Order and Notice on September 13. 2001, directing any interested party wishing to intervene to file its application no later than October 15, 2001. No requests for intervention were filed. The Commission would be aided in its consideration of this application by Staff's recommendation in this matter. Therefore, the Commission directs Staff to file a pleading informing the Commission when Staff expects to file to its recommendation.

¹ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.015, effective February 29, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading no later than November 13,
 2001, informing the Commission of when Staff expects to file its recommendation.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on November 8, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of October, 2001.

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 29th day of Oct. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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