

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 13, 2001**

CASE NO: ER-2001-299

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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Tariff)
Sheets Designed to Implement a General Rate Increase for) **Case No. ER-2001-299**
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri) **Tariff No. 200100518**
Service Area of the Company.)

ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSE

On September 12, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion to strike portions of The Empire District Electric Company's True-up Reply Brief. In the alternative, Staff requests leave to respond to Empire's True-up Reply Brief.

In order to allow for a prompt resolution of this motion, the Commission will shorten the time period for responses.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That responses to Staff's Motion to Strike Portions of Company's True-up Reply Brief or, in the Alternative, for Leave to Respond to Company's True-up Reply Brief shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2001.
2. That this order shall become effective on September 14, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)



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

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

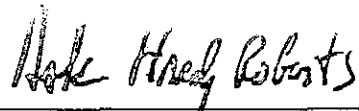
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of September, 2001.

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 13th day of Sept. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

