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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 20th day of November, 1997.

In the Matter of the Joint Application)
of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri,)
and Ozark Border Electric Cooperative)
for Approval of a Territorial Agreement)
Involving Three Areas in Butler County,)
Missouri.)

Case No. EO-98-143

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 3, 1997, the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, (the City) and Ozark Border Electric Cooperative (Ozark) filed a joint application with the Commission pursuant to Section 394.312, RSMo 1996, requesting approval of a territorial agreement between the joint applicants. A copy of the written territorial agreement and a map depicting that agreement were filed with the joint application.

On November 13 the Staff filed a motion to establish the following procedural schedule:

Applicants' Direct Testimony	November 20, 1997
Staff and Office of Public Counsel Rebuttal Testimony	December 5, 1997
All Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony	December 16, 1997
Prehearing Conference and Hearing	December 23, 1997

The Staff states that the remainder of the parties concur in the proposed schedule.

The Commission finds the proposed schedule reasonable and will adopt it for use in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is established for use in this case:

Applicants' Direct Testimony	November 20, 1997
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All Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony	December 16, 1997
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2. That any person with special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 20, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary\Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
and Drainer, CC., concur.

Derque, Regulatory Law Judge