

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

Tammie Lynn Powell	)	
	)	
Complainant	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. EC-2009-0449</u>
	)	
Empire District Electric Company,	)	
	)	
Respondant	)	

**STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER REGARDING HEARING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully submits as follows:

1. On October 27, 2009, the regulatory law judge assigned to this case convened a pre-hearing conference. On the same day, the Commission ordered the parties to show cause why the Commission should not set the complaint for hearing
2. Staff has no objection to setting the complaint for hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission accept Staff's Response to Order Regarding Hearing,

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of October, 2009.

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