

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Request for Cancellation of Its)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Local)
Exchange and Intrastate Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services and Associated)
Tariff Sheets.)

Case No. TD-2006-0026

ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE AND TARIFF

Issue Date: August 3, 2005

Effective Date: August 13, 2005

On July 19, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company filed an application asking the Commission to cancel its certificate of service authority to provide local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri. Empire also asks the Commission to cancel the tariff associated with that certificate.

The application explains that Empire was granted a certificate to provide telecommunications services in 1998. Subsequently, Empire transferred its telecommunications operations to a subsidiary, Empire District Industries, Inc. (EDI). That subsidiary was granted a certificate in 2002, and continues to provide telecommunications services. Since it transferred its telecommunications services to ECI, Empire no longer provides such services. However, its certificate and accompanying tariff have never been canceled.

The Commission's Staff filed a recommendation on August 2 regarding Empire's request to cancel its certificate and tariff. Staff indicates that it has no objection to

Empire's request. Staff further indicates that Empire does not owe any past due Commission assessments and is not delinquent in filing its annual reports. Staff recommends that the Commission cancel Empire's certificate of service authority and its accompanying tariff.

Based on the application and the recommendation of its Staff, the Commission finds that Empire's certificate of service authority and tariff should be canceled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the certificate of service authority to provide local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services granted to The Empire District Electric Company, in case number TA-98-233, is canceled.

2. That The Empire District Electric Company's telecommunications tariff – P.S.C. MO No. 1 – is canceled.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 13, 2005.

4. That this case may be closed on August 14, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of August, 2005.