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)	Case No. TD-2006-0026
Exchange and Intrastate Interexchange)	
Telecommunications Services and Associated)	
Tariff Sheets)	

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: July 20, 2005 Effective Date: July 20, 2005

On July 19, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company filed an application asking the Commission to cancel the company's certificate to provide local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services. Before it acts on Empire's request, the Commission would like to have a recommendation from its Staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That not later than August 22, 2005, the Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding The Empire District Electric Company's Application to Cancel Certificate of Service Authority.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 20, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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 20th day of July, 2005.