

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Electric )  
Company of Joplin, Missouri, for authority to file )  
tariffs increasing rates for electric service provided )  
to customers in the Missouri service area of the )  
company. )

Case No. ER-2008-0093

**JOINT PROPOSED FILING DATES FOR BRIEFS,  
TRUE-UP TESTIMONY AND LIST OF TRUE-UP ISSUES**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and the Parties to this case and for their Joint Proposed Filing Dates for Briefs, Testimony and List of Issues state as follows:

1. The true-up hearing is set for June 19 and 20, 2008. The Parties propose that direct testimony on the issues to be decided in the true-up hearing be filed by June 10, 2008 and that rebuttal testimony be filed by June 16, 2008.

2. The issues to be trued-up and determined are as follows:

Rate Base

All Rate Base Items, Except CWC Lag Day Calculations

Revenues

Revenues from Customer Growth  
Off-System Sales

Expenses

Payroll (Employee Levels, Wage Rates and Associated Taxes)  
Fuel and Purchased Power (Fuel and PP Prices and System Loads)  
Rate Case Expense  
Depreciation Expense (Updated for Plant Balances)  
Income Taxes (Updated for Other Trued-up Items)

Rate of Return

Debt and TOPRs Rates  
Capital Structure

Regulatory Plan Amortization

Updated for EMS Inputs Only

3. Initial post-hearing briefs shall be filed by June 18, 2008, with reply briefs filed by July 3, 2008.
4. True-up briefs shall be filed by July 3, 2008.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits these proposed filing dates in response to the Commission's Order Scheduling True-Up Hearing and Directing Filing issued on May 13, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 23rd day of May, 2008.

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