

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

In the Matter of the Application of J & J Equities, LLC,     )  
and McB Investments, LLC, to Acquire Ten Percent     )  
(10%) or More of the Outstanding Capital Stock of     )  
Tri-States Utility, Inc.     )

**Case No. WF-2009-0018**

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: July 29, 2008

Effective Date: July 29, 2008

On July 7, 2008, J & J Equities, LLC, and McB Investments, LLC (Applicants), filed an application with the Commission to acquire ten percent or more of the outstanding capital stock of Tri-States Utility, Inc. Applicants requested expedited consideration of the application.

The Commission's Staff filed its response to the application on July 21, 2008. Staff stated that it expects to be able to file its recommendation by August 7, 2008. The Commission will establish this filing date for Staff's recommendation or a further status report.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. No later than August 7, 2008, the Staff of the Commission shall file either its recommendation or a further status report indicating when it expects to be able to file its recommendation.

2. This order shall become effective on July 29, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 29th day of July, 2008.