

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,

Complainant,

v.

The Empire District Electric Company,

Respondent.

Case No. EC-2009-0078

**MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FILING OF
A PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) for its Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule states:

1. At the October 22, 2008 Prehearing Conference held in this matter, Regulatory Law Judge Woodruff instructed the parties to file a Proposed Procedural Schedule by October 29, 2008.

2. Due to an unplanned absence, Staff respectfully requests the Commission extend its deadline for the filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule until November 3, 2008. Additionally, the parties are still in discussion of suitable dates for inclusion in a Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule.

3. Staff has discussed this motion with counsel for The Empire District Electric Company and the Public Counsel, who expressed no objection.

4. Staff states that it does not request this extension to unduly delay these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule until November 3, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 29th day of October, 2008.

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