

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

Joint Application of the Empire District	)	
Electric Company and Carthage Water &	)	
Electric Plant Requesting Authorization	)	<b><u>Case No. EO-2009-0181</u></b>
For a Change in Electric Service Provider	)	
for Certain Customers for Reasons in the	)	
Public Interest.	)	

**STAFF MEMORANDUM AND RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby advises the Commission that it should grant the Joint Application for a change of electric service provider because the requested change is in the public interest, all as is explained in detail in the attached Staff Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008**, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson