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District Electric Company of)
Joplin, Missouri, for Authority to)
File Tariffs Increasing Rates for) Case No. WR-2006-0215
Water Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service)
Area of the Company)

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SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE
DOUGLAS HEALY,
PERSONAL ADVISOR TO CHAIRMAN DAVIS
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BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good evening, everyone. Let's come to order, please. I guess I have a microphone here don't I. All right. Well, thank you for coming this evening. We're here for Local Public Hearing in Case Number WR-2006-0215, which concerns The Empire District Electric Company's request for a water rate increase, and we're here to take public comments. My name is Morris Woodruff. I am one of the regulatory law judges for the Commission. With me today on my immediate left is Linn Appling, one of our Commissioners. On the other side of Mr. Appling is Doug Healy, who is the Assistant to Chairman Davis, who unfortunately could not be here tonight. Something else came up at the last minute so he sent Doug in his place, and Doug is going to take notes and relay them on to the Chairman. We also, as you can see, have a court reporter here tonight, and she is going to be transcribing the hearing so that the other Commissioners will have an opportunity to view the transcript later on. We're going to begin by

1 taking entries of appearance. First of all,
2 for the Staff?

3 BY MR. FRANSON: Robert Franson,
4 representing the Staff of the Public Service
5 Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
6 Missouri 65102. Thank you, Your Honor.

7 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. For
8 Public Counsel?

9 BY MR. WHEATLEY: Good evening. My
10 name is Mark Wheatley. I am Senior Public
11 Counsel for the Office of the Public Counsel.
12 Our address is P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson
13 City, Missouri 65102.

14 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Is
15 there anyone here as an attorney for Empire
16 District?

17 BY BILL GIBSON: No, Judge, there's
18 not.

19 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. It's
20 my understanding that there are no witnesses
21 signed up on the list back there. There are
22 several people here from Empire District. Do
23 you want to tell us who you are?

24 BY BILL GIBSON: I'm Bill Gibson,
25 President and CEO.

1 BY MARSHA SADLER: Marsha Sadler,
2 Customer Service Manager.

3 BY MIKE PALMER: Mike Palmer, Vice-
4 President of Commercial Operations for
5 Empire.

6 BY AL VANDERGRIFF: Al Vandergriff,
7 Manager of Water Systems.

8 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, thank you
9 all for being here. Is there anything you
10 would like to tell the Commission?

11 BY BILL GIBSON: No, Judge. Thank
12 you.

13 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And
14 I don't see anyone else here that wants to
15 testify. Is there anyone else who would like
16 to say anything? Sir, I'm sorry, I don't
17 know you.

18 BY BILL NICKLE: I'm Bill Nickle
19 with the Staff.

20 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: Oh, okay.

21 BY BILL NICKLE: Water Service
22 Department.

23 BY JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank
24 you, Mr. Nickle. All right. Well, it's
25 unfortunate that it's now about ten after

1 six, this Local Public Hearing was scheduled
2 to begin at 6:00, and no members of the
3 public have arrived. So at this point then
4 we'll have to adjourn the Local Public
5 Hearing. Thank you. We are adjourned.

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8 (HEARING CONCLUDED)
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