

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company for Authority to Sell)
and Transfer Part of its Works or System to the)
City of Monett, Missouri)
Case No. EO-2009-0159

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: January 27, 2009

Effective Date: January 27, 2009

On October 28, 2008, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed an application¹ with the Commission seeking to sell and transfer a portion of its works and systems to the City of Monett. The Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation regarding the application no later than January 23, 2009. On January 23, Staff filed a motion requesting an extension of time to file its recommendation. In its motion, Staff stated that because of the press of other business and personnel limitations it was requesting an extension until January 26 to file its recommendation. Staff further stated that it was attempting to contact counsel for Empire and was unaware of any reason that the company would oppose the extension. The Commission finds Staff's request to be reasonable and shall grant it.

On January 26, Staff filed its recommendation. The Commission shall set a deadline for responses.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's January 23, 2009 Motion for an Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation is granted.
2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's recommendation, filed on January 26, 2009, is deemed to be timely filed.
3. Any party wishing to file a response to Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's recommendation shall file said response no later than February 4, 2009.
3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of January, 2009.

¹ The application was filed pursuant to Section 393.190, RSMo 2000, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.110.