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RE: Case No. EO-2003-0015

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

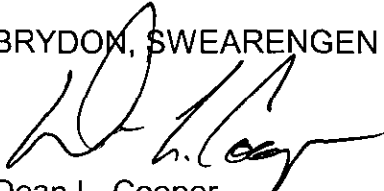
Enclosed please find an original and eight copies a Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule filed on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company. Please file stamp the enclosed extra receipt copy and return to me for my records.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:


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

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

In the Matter of The Empire district Electric)	
Company Transferring Functional Control)	Case No. EO-2003-0015
Over Transmission Facilities to the Midwest)	
Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), on its behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila") and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL"), and moves the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to establish the procedural schedule described herein:

1. On July 22, 2002, Empire filed its application which initiated this case. On February 10, 2003, the Commission issued its Order Granting Intervention and Setting Prehearing Conference wherein, among other things, it ordered that the parties attend a prehearing conference on February 19, 2003, and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 26, 2003.

2. The parties met as directed and hereby propose the following procedural schedule:

April 25, 2003	Direct Testimony (Empire)
June 17, 2003	Rebuttal Testimony (All parties wishing to file)
July 14, 2003	Surrebuttal Testimony (All parties wishing to file)
July 23, 2003	List of Issues, Schedule of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Order of Cross-Examination
July 30, 2003	Position Statements (All Parties)

August 11-13, 2003 Hearing

WHEREFORE, Empire prays on its behalf and on behalf of the Staff, Aquila, Public Counsel and KCPL, that the Commission adopt the procedural schedule identified herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing was, on this 26th day of February, 2003, sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, to the following:

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