OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District)	
Electric Company for Authority to Transfer Functional)	
Control of Certain Transmission Assets to the)	Case No. EO-2006-0141
Southwest Power Pool, Inc.)	

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 12, 2006 Effective Date: January 12, 2006

The parties to this matter have proposed a procedural schedule. The Commission has reviewed the schedule and, with the exception of the date for the presentation of a Stipulation, will adopt it.

The date proposed for the presentation of the Stipulation is February 21, 2006. That date has been reserved on the Commission's hearing calendar. However, should that date become available, it will be reserved for this matter. If it does not become available and a Stipulation is entered into by the parties, then a different date, one which will allow the Commission to dispose of this matter prior to May 1, 2006, will be set.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted:

Stipulation or Status Report February 14, 2006

Stipulation Presentation to be determined

Rebuttal Testimony February 14, 2006

Surrebuttal Testimony March 3, 2006

List of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Order of Cross Examination

March 3, 2006

Prehearing Brief

March 10, 2006

Hearing

March 27-29, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Posthearing Briefs

April 13, 2006

The hearing will be held in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1 800 392 4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 12, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of January, 2006.