

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 Issue and Sell under)
Its Existing Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust)
Dated as of September 1, 1944, as Amended and)
Supplemented, up to and Including \$255,000,000) **Case No. EF-2006-0263**
Principal Amount of its First Mortgage Bonds, in One)
or More Series and to, Among Other Things, Execute)
and Deliver a Supplemental Indenture or Indentures)
to Provide for the Terms of Said Bonds.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 1, 2006

Effective Date: February 1, 2006

On December 21, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company applied for permission to issue bonds. Empire corrected some appendices to its application on January 31, 2006.

The Commission will direct its Staff to file either a recommendation or a status report informing the Commission of when it will be able to file its recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its Recommendation or a Status Report regarding the Recommendation no later than March 1, 2006.

2. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of February, 2006.