

**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 GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issue Date: March 28, 2006

Effective Date: March 28, 2006

On December 21, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company applied for permission to issue bonds. The Staff of the Commission stated that it would file its recommendation no later than March 24, 2006.

On March 24, Empire filed its Motion for Extension of Time. Empire explained that it and Staff continue to discuss the application, and that Staff needs until March 31 to file its recommendation. Empire does not object to Staff's request for additional time.

The Commission finds Empire's request reasonable, and will grant it.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Extension of Time filed by The Empire District Electric Company is granted.

2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its Recommendation no later than March 31, 2006.

3. This order shall become effective on March 28, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.