

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 \$250,000,000) **EF-2009-0180**
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 STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: November 24, 2008

Effective Date: November 24, 2008

On November 20, 2008, the Commission's Staff filed its initial response to The Empire District Electric Company's financing application. In its response, Staff states that it believes it can file its recommendation regarding that application no later than January 13, 2009. Because Staff indicates that it will be able to file a recommendation by January 13, 2009, it will be directed to do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding The Empire District Electric Company's financing application no later than January 13, 2009.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

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)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of November, 2008.