

**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 Sell and Transfer Part of its)
Works or System to the City of Monett,)
Missouri.)

Case No. EO-2009-0159

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri (Staff) and for its motion for extension of time, states as follows:

1. In the Commission's December 2, 2008 *Order Directing Staff To File A Recommendation And Directing Responses To Staff's Preliminary Response To Application*, the Commission directed Staff to file its Recommendation not later than Friday, January 23, 2009.

2. As a result of the press of other cases and availability of personnel, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant it an extension to file its recommendation in this matter to not later than Monday, January 26, 2009. Staff counsel has left a message with counsel for Empire regarding this motion. Staff is unaware of any reason this motion would be opposed by the company.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant Staff's request for an extension of time to file its recommendation to not later than January 26, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 23rd day of January 2009.

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