OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric Company and Ozark Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Written Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas for Each within Two Tracts of Land in Greene County and Christian County, Missouri.))
In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric Company for a Waiver of the Provisions of Its Tariff and 4 CSR 240-14.020 with Regard to The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Subdivision In Conjunction with a Proposed First Territorial Agreement with Ozark Electric Cooperative.)))

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Issue Date: October 11, 2006 Effective Date: October 11, 2006

On July 15, 2006, The Empire District Electric Company and Ozark Electric Cooperative asked the Commission to approve their proposed territorial agreement. On the same day, Empire also asked for waiver of some of its tariff provisions and a Commission rule to be able to perform that same territorial agreement.

On October 3, Staff asked the Commission to consolidate these cases. Empire and Ozark do not oppose Staff's motion.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) states that the Commission may consolidate cases that involve related questions of law or fact. The Commission finds that these cases involve related questions of law and fact, and that the Commission should therefore

consolidate them. The Commission will designate Case No. EO-2007-0029 as the lead case. All further pleadings in this matter should bear Case No. EO-2007-0029.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Staff of the Commission's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
- 2. Case No. EE-2007-0030 is consolidated with Case No. EO-2007-0029.
- 3. Case No. EO-2007-0029 shall be the lead case, and all pleadings in this matter shall bear Case No. EO-2007-0029.
 - 4. This order shall become effective on October 11, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of October, 2006.