OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company and White River Valley)
Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Written) Case No. EO-2007-0161
Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries)
of Exclusive Service Areas for Each Applicant)
within the Missouri Counties of Stone & Taney)

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME FOR RESPONSE

Issue Date: December 28, 2006 Effective Date: December 28, 2006

On October 18, 2006, ¹ The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative ("Applicants") filed a verified joint application for approval of a territorial agreement. This is the fifth territorial agreement the parties have executed, the prior four having been approved by the Commission.

On December 27, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its recommendation and memorandum supporting approval of the territorial agreement, as amended by the First Amendment to the Fifth Territorial Agreement. The amendment was filed by the Applicants, with leave, on December 7.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Any party wishing to respond to the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
Commission's recommendation shall do so on or before January 4, 2007.

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2006 unless otherwise noted.

2. This order shall become effective on December 28, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28th day of December, 2006.