

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire	)	
District Electric Company and White River	)	
Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Written	)	<u>Case No. EO-2009-0284</u>
Territorial Agreement Designating the	)	
Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas within	)	
Taney County	)	

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF STATUS REPORT

Issue Date March 9, 2009

Effective Date: March 9, 2009

On February 3, 2009, The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative filed an application as described in the above caption. Thereafter, the Commission issued notice of the application and set a date for intervention. The Commission has received no requests to intervene. However, before acting on the application, the Commission will require a recommendation from the Staff of the Commission.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file no later than March 23, 2009, a pleading setting forth a date certain by which Staff will file a recommendation.

2. This order shall become effective 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)

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of March, 2009.