

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 4th day of
February, 2009.

In the Matter of an Investigation of)
The Empire District Electric Company's)
Storm Preparation and Restoration Efforts)

Case No. EO-2008-0215

ORDER ACCEPTING STAFF'S REPORT AND CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: February 4, 2009

Effective Date: February 14, 2009

On January 2, 2008, the Commission directed its Staff to investigate The Empire District Electric Company's response to the severe ice storm of December 2007. Staff filed an initial report on April 3, 2008, followed by a final report on June 17, 2008. Staff's report offered a detailed analysis of Empire's preparation and restoration efforts following the December 2007 ice storm, and offered various recommendations on how Empire could improve its response to future storm outages. On September 9, 2008, the Commission ordered Empire to provide further information to Staff and directed Staff to file a supplemental report no later than January 9, 2009. The purpose of that report was to evaluate Empire's compliance with Staff's recommendations.

Staff's supplemental report, filed on January 9, 2009, indicates Empire has achieved overall compliance with Staff's recommendation, or is taking appropriate action to do so. Empire has not responded to Staff's supplemental report.

The Commission finds that no further investigation is required at this time. The Commission will accept Staff's report and will close this case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission accepts Staff's report on The Empire District Electric Company's storm preparation and restoration effort.
2. This order shall become effective on February 14, 2009.
3. This case shall be closed on February 15, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Clayton, Chm., Murray, Davis,
Jarrett, and Gunn, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge