

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
The Empire District Electric Company and )  
White River Valley Electric Cooperative for ) **Case No. EO-2008-0254**  
Approval of a Change in Electric Supplier for a )  
Customer for Reasons in the Public Interest )

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE SUPPLIER**

Issue Date: April 7, 2008

Effective Date: April 17, 2008

On February 1, 2008, The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative filed a Joint Application asking the Commission to approve a change in electric supplier for a piece of property located in Hollister, Missouri. White River currently provides electric service to a house located on the property, but the owner of the property intends to develop a water park and arena, which Empire would serve if the Commission approves the application.

On February 5, the Commission issued an order providing notice to the public and establishing an intervention deadline of February 25. No one applied to intervene.

On March 25, 2008, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation. Staff indicated the request for a change in supplier was in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential, and recommended the Commission approve the request. Staff explained that the property is within the city limits of Hollister, which is served by Empire, so White River cannot expand its electric service to serve the proposed development. White River will remove its existing service lines from the property once the change of supplier is approved.

Section 394.315.2, RSMo 2000, gives the Commission authority to order a change of suppliers for property served by a rural electric cooperative on the basis that the change is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential. The Commission has reviewed the Joint Application and Staff's verified recommendation, which are hereby admitted into evidence. The Commission finds that the proposed change of supplier will allow Empire to serve both existing and future structures in the area, and allow White River to remove service in an area where it cannot serve any additional structures. The Commission finds that the change of supplier is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential. Therefore, the Commission will grant the application.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Joint Application for a change of electric supplier for certain property in Hollister, Missouri, from White River Valley Cooperative to Empire District Electric Company is granted.
2. This order shall become effective on April 17, 2008.
3. This case shall be closed on April 18, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.