BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application)
of The Empire District Electric Company)
and Carthage Water & Electric Plant) Case No. EO-2009-0181
for Approval of a Change in Electrical)
Supplier for Certain Customers for)
Reasons in the Public Interest)

ORDER Directing Filing

Issue Date: November 14, 2008 Effective Date: November 14, 2008

On November 13, 2008, The Empire District Electric Company and Carthage Water & Electric Plant jointly filed the application that is the subject of this case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation as to the application no later than December 8, 2008.
 - 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14th day of November, 2008.