

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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) **Case No. EO-2008-0069**
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT CORRECTION PLAN

Effective Date: March 3, 2008

The Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources have filed comments regarding what they contend are deficiencies in the Integrated Resource Plan filed by The Empire District Electric Company. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(8) allows the parties 45 days to work with the utility, and each other, to prepare and submit a joint agreement on a plan to remedy the identified deficiencies. Such a plan was to be submitted on February 29, 2008.

On that date, Empire filed a Motion for Variance requesting an additional sixty days to allow the parties to continue their discussions toward such an agreement. Empire's motion represents that the other parties concur in its request for additional time.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(12) allows the Commission to extend or reduce any of the time periods specified in the rule for good cause shown. The Commission finds that Empire has shown good cause for extending the time for submission of a plan to remedy the alleged deficiencies in its Integrated Resource Plan. The Commission will grant the requested extension.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties are allowed until April 29, 2008, to submit a joint agreement on a plan to remedy the identified deficiencies in The Empire District Electric Company's Integrated Resource Plan.
2. If the parties are not able to reach such an agreement, the parties are allowed until May 14, 2008, to file a response to the identified deficiencies in The Empire District Electric Company's Integrated Resource Plan.
3. This order shall become effective on March 3, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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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 3rd day of March, 2008.