

In the Matter of an Investigation of)
The Empire District Electric Company's) Case No. EO-2008-0215
Storm Preparation and Restoration Efforts)

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Final Report Of Staff Investigation, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

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7. Empire provided information in response to the January 8, 2008 letter on January 18 and 25, 2008, and February 15 and 25, 2008.
8. Staff filed its Initial Report Of Staff on April 3, 2008, informing the Commission it would file its Final Report no later than June 17, 2008. The Initial Report contains a summary of public comments received up to April 3, 2008, and is attached in that filing as Appendix C. Accordingly, Staff now submits its Final Report of Staff Investigation.
9. The Final Report begins with an executive summary, followed by discussion of each topic the Staff investigated.
10. A summary of Staff's Evaluation of Restoration Effort and Recommendations is contained on pages 45 through 47 of the Final Report.
11. Attachment B of the Final Report contains responses to the 14 questions raised by Commissioner Clayton's January 15, 2008 Concurring Opinion.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully files its Final Report Of Staff Investigation with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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