

# 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       )  
for Approval of a Change in Electrical       )  
Supplier for Certain Customers for        )  
Reasons in the Public Interest            )

Case No. EO-2009-0181

## **Notice of Application, Order Setting Deadline for Response**

Issue Date: December 10, 2008

Effective Date: December 10, 2008

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and Carthage Water & Electric Plant jointly filed the application that is the subject of this case on November 13, 2008. A Copy of the application accompanies this notice and order. On December 5, 2008, the Commission's staff ("Staff") filed its recommendation, which favors the application.

But the application and Staff recommendation stand, in part, on representations about McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital ("the Hospital"). The Hospital has, according to those representations:

- asked Empire to relocate certain facilities for supplying electricity;
- agreed to bear the expense of the relocation; and
- agreed to bear the expense of removing Empire's highway crossing.

But no affidavit or other support from the Hospital accompanies either the application or recommendation.

Before the Commission decides the application, based in part on such representations, the Commission will give the Hospital notice of the application and the opportunity to respond to the application.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Hospital may file a response to the application.
2. The Commission shall consider any such response received no later than December 19, 2008.
3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.