

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Electric Company and Ozark Electric)	
Cooperative for Approval of a Written Territorial)	
Agreement Designating the Boundaries of Exclusive)	Case No. EO-2007-0029
Service Areas for Each within Two Tracts of Land in)	
Greene County and Christian County, Missouri.)	

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Electric Company for a Waiver of the)	
Provisions of Its Tariff and 4 CSR 240-14.020 with)	
Regard to The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Subdivision in)	Case No. EE-2007-0030
Conjunction with a Proposed First Territorial)	
Agreement with Ozark Electric Cooperative.)	

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), on behalf of the Staff, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), Ozark Electric Cooperative (“Ozark”) and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), and, for their recommended procedural schedule, states:

1. That the territorial agreement between Empire and Ozark depends on the Commission granting Empire variances from both its tariff and from Commission rule and the current caseload, with concomitant unavailability of Commission hearing dates, is sufficient good cause for purposes of section 394.312, RSMo. 2000, for the Commission to take more than the 120 days from when the application was filed for the Commission to approve or disapprove the territorial agreement that is involved in these cases; however, the Commission should make its determination as expeditiously as possible, and, if reasonable, within 120 days.

2. The above parties jointly propose the following schedule:

Monday, November 20, 2006—Prefiled testimony (combining direct and rebuttal)

of all parties

Thursday, December 7, 2006—Hearing (If GR-2006-0387 is still being heard, then move hearing date from December 7, 2006 to December 8 or 21, 2006, depending on Commission availability.)

Conditions:

*All data requests and responses thereto submitted through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS).

**Objections to data requests to be made within 5 calendar days and responses within ten calendar days.

***Oral arguments at the close of the hearing with briefing waived except to the extent briefing is requested by the Commission or the presiding officer on a specific legal issue in dispute.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the parties, the Staff submits the proposed procedural schedule and conditions set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 18th day of October 2006.

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