BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 Conjunction with a Proposed First Territorial Agreement with Ozark Electric Cooperative.

Case No. EE-2007-0030

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 28, 2006

Effective Date: September 28, 2006

On July 18, 2006, The Empire District Electric Company asked the Commission for a rule variance and a tariff variance. Empire requests these variances so that it may provide electrical service to The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge at the same or similar prices that

Ozark Electric Cooperative agreed to serve that subdivision.

On July 20, the Commission ordered its Staff to reply no later than August 21.

Staff filed a Status Report on August 21 in which it stated that it planned to file a Staff

Recommendation in this case and in Case No. EO-2007-0029, no later than September 13.

Staff has yet to file any further pleadings.

The Commission will again order its Staff to reply to Empire's application. If Staff needs additional time, it may, of course, file a motion for extension of time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a Staff Recommendation or a Status Report regarding when it will file its Recommendation no later than October 30, 2006.

2. That this order shall become effective on September 28, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28th day of September, 2006.