

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

Debbie Feken,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	<u>File No.: EC-2020-0183</u>
)	
The Empire District Electric Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 27, 2020

Effective Date: April 27, 2020

On March 12, 2020,¹ the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule in this cause. On March 21, The Empire District Electric Company (Company) filed a Motion for Waiver and Request for Expedited Treatment. The Company stated that obtaining notarized signatures for prefiled testimony presented health risks because of the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 24, the Commission issued its Notice Concerning Procedural Schedule Status, advising the parties that no procedural schedule order had been issued and that the Company's motion was, therefore, premature. Also on March 24, the Commission issued the following general guidance on verified affidavits, pleadings, annual reports, and statements of income filed in cases before the Commission:²

“Therefore, any person may file an affidavit in any matter before the Commission without being notarized so long as the affidavit contains the following declaration:

‘Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.’

Signature of Declarant

¹ All date references hereinafter will be to 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

² See the Commission's EFIS opening web page.

This guidance applies both to pleadings filed in cases before the Commission and to required annual reports and statements of income.”

The Commission will order the parties to confer and file a proposed amended procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall confer and file a proposed amended procedural schedule no later than May 12, 2020.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of April, 2020.