

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company and White River Valley)
Electric Cooperative for Approval of a Seventh)
Written Territorial Agreement Designating the) **File No. EO-2012-0192**
Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas within)
Christian and Taney Counties)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION AND SETTING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: April 2, 2012

Effective Date: April 2, 2012

On February 29, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued the *Report and Order Approving Seventh Territorial Agreement* between The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and White River Valley Electric Cooperative. The *Report and Order* required Empire to file revised tariff sheets amending any descriptions of its service territory in Christian and Taney Counties, Missouri, that may be affected by the new territorial agreement. Empire filed tariff sheet revisions on March 14, 2012, which were subsequently amended on March 28 and March 29, 2012. The Commission will direct its Staff to review the tariff sheets filed by Empire and file a recommendation as to whether the tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's *Report and Order* issued on February 29, 2012.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than April 16, 2012, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation as directed in the body of this order.

2. Any party wishing to respond to Staff's recommendation shall file its response no later than three days after the recommendation is filed.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of April, 2012.