

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Application for Variance and)
Clarification Concerning Select Provisions of)
Commission Rules Related to Electric)
Utility Resource Planning.)

Case No. EE-2008-0025

ORDER PROVIDING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: July 26, 2007

Effective Date: July 26, 2007

On July 23, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company asked the Commission to grant it variances from certain requirements of the Commission's Integrated Resource Planning Rule, 4 CSR 240-22. Empire also seeks clarification of other requirements. The Commission's rule requires Empire to file its Integrated Resource Planning Filing (IRP) in September 2007. The purpose of the IRP filing is to ensure that investor-owned electric utilities, such as Empire, consider all options, including demand side efficiency and energy management measures, to provide safe, reliable, and efficient electric service to the public at reasonable rates, in a manner that serves the public interest.

Since the Commission's decision to grant or deny the requested variances may affect the substance of Empire's IRP filing, the Commission will provide notice to other potential interested parties and the public, and will establish an intervention deadline. The Commission must act on Empire's request quickly so Empire can have guidance from the Commission before filing its IRP in September. Therefore, the Commission will establish a

date for its Staff and other interested parties to offer recommendations regarding Empire's request for variances and clarification.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this order to all parties to The Empire District Electric Company's most recent rate case, ER-2006-0314.

2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving The Empire District Electric Company's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than August 9, 2007. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

with a copy served on:

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Attorney for The Empire District Electric Company

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. Any party wishing to respond to The Empire District Electric Company shall do so no later than August 20, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on July 26, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of July, 2007.