

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District)
Electric Company for Authority to Transfer) **Case No. EO-2006-0141**
Functional Control of Certain Transmission Assets to)
the Southwest Power Pool, Inc.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 18, 2005

Effective Date: November 18, 2005

On September 28, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company filed, with the Missouri Public Service, an application to transfer functional control of certain assets to the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. On November 16, 2005, the company filed a Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085.

Upon review of the company's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, a protective order should be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by The Empire District Electric Company is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 18, 2005.

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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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of November, 2005.