

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Electric Company for an Accounting)	<u>File No. EO-2009-0233</u>
Order Concerning Reclassification of Certain)	
Transmission and Distribution Facilities)	

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date March 30, 2009

Effective Date: March 30, 2009

On March 26, 2009, The Empire District Electric Company filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule on behalf of all of the parties. With the exception of the proposed evidentiary hearing date, the Commission will adopt the schedule as proposed.

Because the proposed hearing date is on a Wednesday, the day the Commission now holds regular Agenda meetings, the Commission will instead set the hearing date for the Thursday following.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

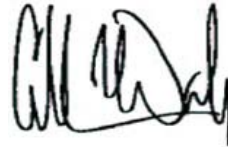
Direct Testimony (Empire)	April 13, 2009
Rebuttal Testimony (Staff/OPC)	May 13, 2009
Surrebuttal Testimony (All Parties)	June 10, 2009
List of Issues, Order of Cross, Order of Witnesses	June 16, 2009
Parties' Position Statements	June 19, 2009
Evidentiary Hearing	June 24, 2009

2. The evidentiary hearing shall begin at 9:00 a.m. and be held in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street,

Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the proceedings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of March, 2009.