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 Written)
Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries) Case No. EO-2007-0161
of Exclusive Service Areas for Each Applicant)
within the Missouri Counties of Stone & Taney)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: December 6, 2006 Effective Date: December 6, 2006

The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative filed a joint application seeking approval of a territorial agreement. Before proceeding to consider this application, the Commission would like to have a recommendation from its Staff. Therefore the Commission will direct Staff to file a recommendation by December 29, 2006. If Staff finds that it is unable to offer its recommendation by that date, it may, of course, request additional time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. That no later than December 29, 2006, the Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation regarding the Joint Application of The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative, for approval of a territorial agreement.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 6, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 6th day of December, 2006.