

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
February 20, 2001**

**CASE NO: ER-2001-452**

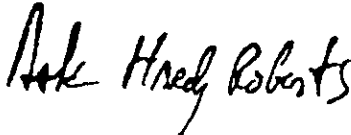
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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### ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On February 16, 2001, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed revised tariff sheets together with a motion for expedited treatment. In its motion for expedited treatment, Empire appears to ask for approval of the tariff sheets prior to March 1, 2001.<sup>1</sup> The Staff of the Commission will be directed to file a pleading advising the Commission whether it will be able to file its recommendation concerning the tariff filing in time for the Commission to act in accordance with the motion for expedited treatment, and if not, when it will be able to file its recommendation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall, no later than February 22, 2001, file a pleading as discussed herein.

1 Empire states that it "respectfully requests the Commission to give this tariff filing expedited treatment and to issue its order approving the tariff sheets as soon as possible and prior to March 1, 2001, the date of the rate increase proposed by the interim tariff sheets and prior to March 18, 2001, the proposed effective date of the interim tariff sheets."

2. That this order shall become effective on February 20, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20th day of February, 2001.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001.

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

