BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire) District Electric Company and The Empire) District Gas Company for Waiver of a Dual) Branding Requirement Regarding the) Continued Use of the Empire District Name) for Electric, Gas, and Water Operations)

File No. AO-2020-0184

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION OR STATUS REPORT

Issue Date: January 31, 2020

Effective Date: January 31, 2020

On January 30, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed a status report. Staff report says

that it is awaiting responses from a number of data requests, and needs additional time

to analyze and follow-up. Staff asks for an additional 30 days to file a recommendation.

The Commission will grant additional time and order Staff to file a recommendation or

status report.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation or status report no later

than March 2, 2020.

2. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of January, 2020.

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 31st day of January 2020.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 31, 2020

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Missouri Public Service

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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