

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

In the Matter of the Public Counsel's)	
Investigation into Certain Resource)	Case No. EO-2004-0263
Planning Decisions of The Empire District)	
Electric Company.)	

MOTION TO ESTABLISH TIME FOR RESPONSE

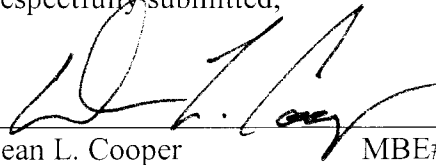
COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and, for its Motion to Establish Time for Response, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On December 18, 2003, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") filed a Motion to Open Case, which was assigned the above case number. Empire desires the opportunity to respond to the Public Counsel's Motion and requests that the Commission provide it until January 7, 2004, to do so.

2. The Public Counsel and counsel for the Commission Staff have stated that they have no objection to this request.

WHEREFORE, Empire prays that the Commission issue its order directing that Empire shall have until January 7, 2004, to response to the Public Counsel's Motion to Open Case.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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