

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

In the matter of The Empire Dis- )  
trict Electric Company's Applica- )  
tion for Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity and Ap- )  
proval of an Experimental Regulator- )  
y Plan Related to Generation Plant )

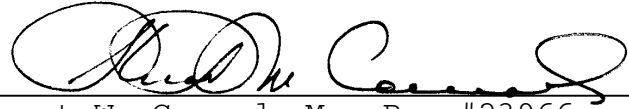
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**PRAXAIR AND EXPLORER'S RESPONSE  
TO PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW PRAXAIR, INC. ("Praxair") and EXPLORER PIPE-  
LINE COMPANY ("Explorer") (collectively "Industrials"), as  
directed by Commission order, and state that they concur in the  
Response to Empire's Proposed Procedural Schedule filed this date  
by the Office of the Public Counsel and in the recommendation  
contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading either by electronic means, by United States Mail, First Class postage prepaid, by hand delivery to all known parties in interest upon their respective representatives or attorneys of record as reflected in the records maintained by the Secretary of the Commission on the date shown below.

  
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Dated: July 6, 2005