

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Application for Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity and Approval of)	Case No. EO-2005-0263
an Experimental Regulatory Plan Related to)	
Generation Plant.)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and also on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Praxair, Inc., Explorer Pipeline Company and Aquila, Inc., and provides the following Status Report to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On May 17, 2005, the parties to this case filed a First Proposed Procedural Schedule. In that document, the parties indicated to the Commission that they had agreed to a series of conferences intended to provide for an exchange of information and the opportunity to either settle or, at least, narrow the issues raised in this case. The conferences were designed to determine whether or not a settlement could be reached and, if so, to attempt to develop a stipulation by June 15, 2005.

2. On May 18, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule wherein it approved the First Proposed Procedural Schedule and, among other things, directed the parties to file a Status Report no later than June 15, 2005.

3. Since that time, the parties have met and conferred on numerous occasions. This includes the dates identified in the First Proposed Procedural Schedule, as well as additional

dates.

4. Progress has been made toward a stipulation and agreement. However, a stipulation and agreement has not yet been reached. The parties intend to meet and confer again later this week in an attempt to complete this process.

5. At the present time, the parties do not propose any change to the current procedural schedule. However, if a stipulation and agreement is reached between now and June 22, 2005 (which would be the parties' goal), an adjustment to the direct testimony filing date may be requested.

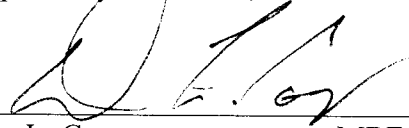
WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission consider this Status Report.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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