BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| Daniel E. Brown, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | Case No. EC-2008-0384 |
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| The Empire District Electric Company, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

SECOND STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Respondent"), and, respectfully states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as its Status Report:

- 1. On October 21, 2008, the Commission Staff filed a Status Report. The Status Report indicated that a meeting had been set for November 5, 2008, for Mr. Brown, Empire personnel and Staff personnel to discuss Mr. Brown's outage, and Empire's storm restoration efforts. The Status Report further requested that the Commission enter an order postponing the filing of a procedural schedule until November 26, 2008.
- 2. Also on October 21, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Resetting the Deadline for Filing a Procedural Schedule or Status Report. That Order postponed the deadline for the filing of a procedural schedule until November 26, 2008, and further stated that if the parties need additional time for settlement discussions, the parties may elect to file a status report instead of a procedural schedule.

- 3. The discussion mentioned in the October 21, 2008, took place as scheduled at Empire's offices in Joplin, Missouri. As a result of those discussions, Empire agreed to perform some engineering analysis that would be shared and further discussed with Mr. Brown and the Staff. Empire believes that the initial work on this analysis may be finished by the end of this week. However, Empire will need additional time for follow up to ensure the validity of the study results, consider options, and discuss the results with Staff and Mr. Brown.
- Accordingly, Empire believes that there is a need for additional time for settlement discussions and would ask that the Commission allow the parties until December 17, 2008, to either file a proposed procedural schedule or a status report.
- 5. Mr. Brown and counsel for the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel have indicated that they have no objection to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule, or a status report, by December 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on November 25, 2008, to the following:

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