

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 29, 2000**

CASE NO: EF-98-120

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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
The Empire District Electric Company)
for Authority to Issue and Sell under)
Its Existing Indenture of Mortgage and)
Deed of Trust Dated as of September 1,)
1944, as Amended and Supplemented, up)
to and Including \$80,000,000 Principal)
Amount of its First Mortgage Bonds, in)
One or More Series and to, among Other)
Things, Execute and Deliver a)
Supplemental Indenture or Indentures to)
Provide for the Terms of Said Bonds.)

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ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On July 8, 1998, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed notice with the Commission in compliance with Ordered Paragraph No. 9 of the Commission's March 17, 1998 Order Approving Financing. Further, Empire informed the Commission that on April 28, 1998, it issued \$50 million of its First Mortgage Bonds as approved by the Commission in its March 17, 1998 order. Empire indicated that it would notify the Commission when it subsequently exhausted its \$80 million financing authorization. No further information has been received since July 8, 1998.

The Commission will direct Empire to file a report with the Commission regarding the status of this case including the time expected before the transaction authorized by the Commission in its March 17, 1998 order will be complete.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That The Empire District Electric Company shall file a case status report with the Commission no later than 4 p.m. on April 18, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on April 10, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of March, 2000.

**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 29th day of March 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

