

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 3, 2002**

CASE NO: EF-98-120

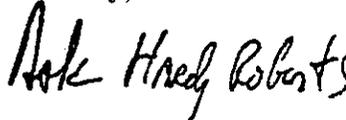
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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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

This order directs the parties to file a status report.

The last action in this case was the filing on June 30, 2000, by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission of its reply to The Empire District Electric Company's response to the Staff's previously-filed recommendation.

Staff and Empire will be ordered to file a status report.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and The Empire District Electric Company must file a joint status report on this case by February 15, 2002.

2. That this order will become effective on January 13, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(SEAL)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

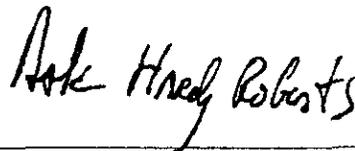
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of January, 2002.

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 3rd day of Jan. 2002 .



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

