

**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.)	

FIRST PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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, Kansas City Power & Light Company, Praxair, Inc., Explorer Pipeline Company and Aquila, Inc., and proposes the following procedural schedule to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. The Commission's Order Directing Filing, issued May 10, 2005, directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than May 17, 2005.
2. The parties met to discuss this case on May 10, 2005. At that meeting, they 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. Those conferences are scheduled for May 17, May 27, and June 8-9. The conferences are designed to determine whether or not a settlement can be reached and, if so, to attempt to develop a stipulation by June 15, 2005.¹
3. Whether or not a settlement is reached will determine the type of procedure that will be required to reach a Commission decision in this case. Accordingly, the parties ask that at this time the Commission set a procedural schedule that calls for the filing of a Status Report by

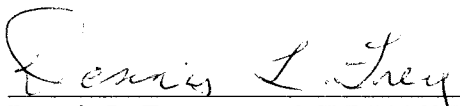
¹ This date has been identified after consideration of the Stipulation and Agreement filed with the Commission in Case No. EO-2005-0329 (In the Matter of a Proposed Experimental regulatory Plan of Kansas City Power & Light Company), which provides in Paragraph 9 (p. 51) that Empire will be considered a preferred potential partner in the Iatan 2 generating plant project, if Empire can "demonstrate that [it has] a commercially feasible financing plan . . . by the later of August 1, 2005, or such date that KCPL shall issue its request(s) for proposal(s) related to Iatan 2."

the parties followed by Direct Testimony to be filed by Empire (which may be filed whether or not a stipulation is reached), and further directs the parties to file at the same time a second proposed procedural schedule for the completion of this case.² This First Proposed Procedural Schedule does not act to prejudice any party's position as to the second proposed procedural schedule. The following such schedule is proposed:

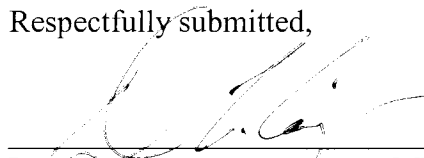
Status Report (all parties)	June 15, 2005
Direct Testimony (Empire)	June 22, 2005
2 nd Proposed Procedural Schedule (all parties)	June 22, 2005

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order setting the procedural schedule proposed above.

Respectfully submitted,


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² The parties recognize that the necessity of the completion of this case is ultimately dependent upon the existence of a partnership agreement between Empire and KCPL.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered, or sent by electronic mail, on May 11, 2005, to the following:

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