

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

Hall Holdings, LLC,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. EC-2006-0436</u></b>
	)	
The Empire District Electric Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AND ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE  
AND SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: May 17, 2006

Effective Date: May 17, 2006

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This order notifies The Empire District Electric Company of the complaint filed against it by Hall Holdings, LLC, orders the company to respond to that complaint, and schedules a prehearing to consider that complaint.

On May 15, 2006, Hall Holdings, LLC filed a complaint against The Empire District Electric Company. The complainant states that Empire has refused to restore service to the Performing Arts Center f/k/a the Glen Campbell Theater unless and until complainant pays a \$24,025 deposit and a \$31,604.38 debt, which complainant contends was incurred by another entity at another location. Complainant further contends that the required

deposit is excessive. Complainant states that the Performing Arts Center is currently vacant and protected by burglar alarms and fire alarms which require electricity. Complainant further states that the center is an extremely valuable property with considerable historic value and that significant harm would accrue to this property if fire, theft, or vandalism were to occur as a result of inoperative alarms.

Because of the imminent danger it describes, Hall Holdings asks the Commission to consider its complaint expeditiously and take steps to protect the Performing Arts Center pending final resolution of this case. To that end, complainant asks the Commission to order Empire to immediately restore service to the center, upon submittal of a \$12,000 deposit, and maintain such service pending the outcome of this complaint. Complainant further requests that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference within a week to allow the parties to explain their positions and discuss procedural issues.

The Commission is concerned about the situation described in the complaint and wishes to hear the complaint as soon as possible. Therefore, a prehearing will be scheduled for May 24, 2006, and Empire will be directed to file its answer to Hall Holding's complaint no later than May 31, 2006. Complainant's request for service to be restored to the Performing Arts Center pending resolution of this complaint will be discussed during the prehearing and ruled on at a later date.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Empire District Electric Company shall file its answer to Hall Holdings, LLC's complaint no later than May 31, 2006.
2. A prehearing conference will take place on May 24, 2006, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The prehearing will be held in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building,

200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This prehearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective on May 17, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 17th day of May, 2006.