

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Filing of Revisions to Its Distribution)	
System Management Procedure and Policy Manual)	<u>Case No. EO-2009-0280</u>
And Its Transmission Vegetation Management)	
Program Policy and Procedures)	

NOTICE CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: February 3, 2009

On January 30, 2009, The Empire District Electric Company filed revised copies of its Distribution System Management Procedure and Policy Manual and its Transmission Vegetation Management Program Policy and Procedures. In doing so, Empire caused this case to open to receive the filings. Empire indicates its revised policies will take effect on March 1, 2009.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030(4)(C) requires Empire to file a copy of any changes in its vegetation management standards, guidelines or procedures with the Commission no later than 30 days before those changes are implemented. Empire's January 30 filing satisfies that requirement. The rule does not, however, require the Commission to take any action to approve the changes, or otherwise respond to Empire's filing. Therefore, the Commission will close this case. If Staff or any other party believes

the Commission should take any action regarding Empire's filing, that party may file an appropriate pleading, and thereby reopen the case.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of February, 2009.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge