

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 an
Experimental Regulatory Plan Related to
Generation Plant

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Case No. EO-2005-0263

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE ALTERNATIVE
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 8, 2005

Effective Date: July 8, 2005

On February 4, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company asked the Commission to approve its experimental regulatory plan. On June 22, Empire filed its Second Proposed Procedural Schedule.

The Staff of the Commission responded to Empire on July 6. Staff stated that the parties are still negotiating, and may have a stipulation filed by July 11. To that end, Staff requests leave to file either a stipulation or an alternative procedural schedule by July 11.

The Commission finds Staff's request reasonable, and will grant it. The Commission will order Staff to file an alternative procedural schedule, or a stipulation, no later than July 11.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission is granted leave to file an alternative proposed procedural schedule.

2. That the Staff of the Commission shall file either the schedule ordered in paragraph 1, or a stipulation, no later than July 11, 2005.

3. That this order shall become effective on July 8, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of July, 2005.