

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)	<u>Case No. EO-2005-0263</u>
Experimental Regulatory Plan Related to)	
Generation Plant)	

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Issue Date: July 15, 2005

Effective Date: July 15, 2005

On February 4, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company asked the Commission to approve its experimental regulatory plan. On July 11, Staff filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule.

In that schedule, Staff stated that a stipulation was imminent. Staff believed that the parties would file the stipulation this week, and asked the Commission to schedule an on-the-record presentation for July 21.

The Commission will grant Staff's request, and set a hearing for July 21-22 for counsel to answer the Commission's questions. The Commission will also reserve the right to receive evidence.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a hearing will be held on July 21, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., and will resume on July 22, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 310 of the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing 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 the hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 15, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of July, 2005.