

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. EO-2005-0263

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: June 28, 2005

Effective Date: June 28, 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.

In that filing, Empire informs the Commission that the parties may file a stipulation by July 1. If so, then Empire asks the Commission to reserve July 11 and 12 for a hearing. Also, Empire states that no parties object to those dates.

Also in that filing, Empire states that if the parties do not file a stipulation by July 1, then Empire would like the Commission to hear the case on July 21 and 22. The parties do not agree to these dates. Therefore, Empire asks the Commission to allow the parties until July 6 to respond to Empire's alternative proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission finds Empire's request for the parties to respond to the proposed alternative procedural schedule reasonable. The Commission will order the parties to respond to Empire's alternative schedule no later than July 6.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall respond to The Empire District Electric Company's alternative proposed procedural schedule no later than July 6, 2005.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 28, 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

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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 28th day of June, 2005.