

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) **Case No. EO-2005-0263**
and Necessity and Approval of an Experimental)
Regulatory Plan Related to Generation Plant)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: May 18, 2005

Effective Date: May 18, 2005

On February 4, 2005, The Empire District Electric Company applied for a certificate of convenience and necessity to participate in a steam electric generation station (latan Unit 2), and to get Commission approval of an experimental regulatory plan to fund its participation in that plant. On May 17, Empire and the Staff of the Commission filed a First Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Empire and Staff filed the proposed schedule on their own behalf, as well as on behalf of the other parties. Empire and Staff state that the parties will attempt to have a stipulation by June 15. To that end, Empire and Staff ask the Commission to order the parties to file a Status Report by June 15. Also, they ask the Commission to order Empire to file direct testimony by June 22, and a Second Proposed Procedural Schedule on June 22.

The Commission finds the proposed schedule reasonable, and will issue an order granting the parties' request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the First Proposed Procedural Schedule is approved.
2. That the parties shall file a Status Report no later than June 15, 2005.
3. That The Empire District Electric Company shall file Direct Testimony no later than June 22, 2005.
4. That the parties shall file a Second Proposed Procedural Schedule no later than June 22, 2005.
5. That this order shall become effective on May 18, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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 18th day of May, 2005.