

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company and Ozark Electric)
Cooperative for Approval of a Written)
Territorial Agreement Designating the)
Boundaries of an Exclusive Service Area for)
Ozark Electric Cooperative within a Tract of)
Land in Greene County, Missouri and)
Associated Requests for Approval of a)
Transfer of Facilities and Changes of Supplier.)

Case No. EO-2008-0043

**STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE
AND SETTING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS**

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and, in response to the Commission’s *Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests*, proposes the following procedural schedule:

1. In its *Order Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests* the Commission, in ordered paragraph four directed, “No later than September 17, 2007, the parties shall jointly or separately file a proposed procedural schedule.”
2. The Staff electronically circulated a proposed schedule to the other parties late last week. Public Counsel responded the proposed schedule was fine with him.
3. The Staff wishes to learn facts beyond those stated in the Joint Application before making a recommendation to the Commission regarding the territorial agreement that is the subject of this case. The schedule the Staff is proposing is designed to permit time to learn those facts and to accommodate existing workload and pending hearings.
4. That schedule, which the Staff proposes to the Commission follows:

SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE
Applicant's The Empire District Electric Company and Ozark Electric Cooperative's Direct Testimony	October 12, 2007
Staff and Public Counsel Rebuttal Testimony	November 9, 2007
Applicant's The Empire District Electric Company and Ozark Electric Cooperative's Surrebuttal Testimony	December 7, 2007
List of Issues	December 10, 2007
Position Statements	December 14, 2007
Evidentiary Hearing	December 18-19, 2007

WHEREFORE, the Staff proposes the foregoing schedule for purposes of processing this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 17th day of September, 2007.

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