

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of The     )  
Empire District Electric Company and the     )  
City of Carthage for Approval of a Change     )  
in Electric Supplier for Certain Customers     )  
for Reasons in the Public Interest             )     **Case No. EO-2007-0114**

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: September 26, 2006

Effective Date: September 26, 2006

On September 22, 2006, The Empire Electric Company (“Empire”) and the City of Carthage, Missouri (“Carthage”) filed a joint application seeking Commission approval to change the electric supplier for three of Empire’s current customers. Electricity is supplied by Empire to these customers by means of an overhead, single phase distribution line that has been identified by the Missouri Department of Transportation as being in the way of future construction of the Fairview/Highway 71 interchange.

Empire and Carthage allege that the cost of relocating the line will be significantly minimized if Empire can “release” these customers to be served by Carthage, who has existing service in the immediate vicinity of these customers. The parties further state that the change in suppliers is in the public interest because it will allow the continued provision of electric service to these customers without the need to make significant investment in relocating electric lines, and will shorten the timetable for construction of the highway interchange.

The three customers affected by the requested change are: (1) a highway advertising sign operated by Snak Atak, a commercial customer located at RR5, Carthage, Missouri; (2) a residence occupied by Mary B. Campbell, located at 1378 West Fairview, Carthage, Missouri; and (3) a residential barn and outdoor light in the name of Joe R. Brown, located at 1373 Fairview Avenue, Carthage, Missouri. Included with the joint application is a diagram of the properties and existing electric lines, and the verified written consent to the change in suppliers from the three customers affected by the proposed change.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation in this matter no later than October 26, 2006.
2. This order shall become effective on September 26, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26th day of September, 2006.