BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Related to the Company's Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC) Required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(4)

File No. ER-2015-0247 Tariff No. JE-2015-0293

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: April 2, 2015

Effective Date: April 2, 2015

On April 1, 2015, The Empire District Electric Company submitted a tariff sheet designed to implement an adjustment to its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause for the accumulation period of September 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015. The tariff sheet bears and effective date of June 1, 2015.

Under Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), the Staff of the Commission shall submit a recommendation regarding the proposed adjustment no later than 30 days after the tariff filing. Within 60 days after receiving the proposed adjustment, the Commission must: (1) implement an interim rate adjustment; (2) approve or reject the tariff as submitted; or (3) allow the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law. Consequently, the Commission will issue notice of this tariff filing, set an intervention deadline and direct the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation.

4 CSR 240-3.161(10) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established Empire's fuel adjustment clause are parties to this case without having to request intervention. The Commission therefore acknowledges that parties in File No. ER-2012-0345 are parties to this case and will direct the Data Center to include the parties to the service list.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall add all of the parties to File No. ER-2012-0345 to the service list for this case.

3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing constituents in The Empire District Electric Company's service area and to the news media serving those areas.

4. Requests to intervene shall be filed no later than April 16, 2015.

5. The Staff of the Commission shall file, no later than May 1, 2015, a recommendation consistent with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(4).

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2nd day of April, 2015.