

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

In the Matter of The Empire)	
District Electric Company's Request)	<u>Case No. ER-2016-0023</u>
For Authority to Implement a General)	Tariff No. YE-2017-0031
Rate Increase for Electric Service)	

Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariffs

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and based upon its examination of the proposed tariff sheets filed on August 15, 2016, and as substituted on August 26, 2016, Tariff File No. YE-2017-0031, Staff states that the same are in compliance with the Commission's *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement* of August 10, 2016, and therefore should be **APPROVED** for service rendered on and after **September 14, 2016**.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will approve Empire's proposed tariff sheets, filed on August 15, 2016, and as substituted on August 26, 2016, Tariff File No. YE-2017-0031; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record on the Service List maintained for this case by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 30th day of August, 2016.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson

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AFFIDAVIT

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Cole)

COMES NOW Sarah L. Kliethermes, being of lawful age and sound mind, and on my oath declare that I am employed as a member of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; that I am competent to examine tariffs to determine their compliance with Commission orders, rules, and applicable state statutes by virtue of my education, training and experience; that I have examined the tariffs herein at issue and I have determined that they are compliant and should be approved.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.



Sarah L. Kliethermes

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 30th day of August, 2016.

JESSICA LUEBBERT
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COMES NOW David C. Roos, being of lawful age and sound mind, and on my oath declare that I am employed as a member of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; that I am competent to examine tariffs to determine their compliance with Commission orders, rules, and applicable state statutes by virtue of my education, training and experience; that I have examined the tariffs herein at issue and I have determined that they are compliant and should be approved.

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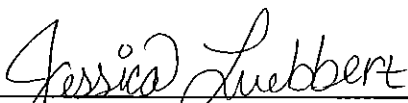


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COMES NOW Michael L. Stahlman, being of lawful age and sound mind, and on my oath declare that I am employed as a member of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; that I am competent to examine tariffs to determine their compliance with Commission orders, rules, and applicable state statutes by virtue of my education, training and experience; that I have examined the tariffs herein at issue and I have determined that they are compliant and should be approved.

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Michael L. Stahlman

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