

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 1st day of
March, 2007.

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's	)	<u>Case No. ET-2007-0297</u>
Tariff Sheet Designed to Implement Its Low Income	)	Tariff No. JE-2007-0543
New Homes Program.	)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEET

Issue Date: March 1, 2007

Effective Date: March 4, 2007

On February 2, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company filed a tariff sheet designed to implement its Low Income New Homes Program. This program was agreed to by the Customer Program Collaborative that was authorized under the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. EO-2005-0263, concerning Empire's Experimental Regulatory Plan. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of March 4, 2007. On February 9, 2007, the Commission issued notice of the tariff filing to all parties to EO-2005-0263, set deadlines for intervention requests and responses, and set filing dates for the Commission Staff's recommendation and any responses thereto. On February 22, 2007, the Staff filed its recommendation. No party applied to intervene, and no responses to Staff's recommendation were filed.

Staff states that the tariff complies with the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. EO-2005-0263. Staff relates that the tariff would start a voluntary program designed to provide incentives to builders of new homes for low-income customers for the installation of Energy Star® rated lighting fixtures and refrigerators,

high-efficiency central air conditioners, and increased R-factor insulation in the home's attic, floor, and crawlspace. Staff notes that Empire's program is similar to a program the Commission approved for Kansas City Power & Light Company on February 6, 2007, in Case No. EO-2007-0268. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet or permit it to go into effect by operation of law on March 4, 2007.

The Commission has reviewed the Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet, which is hereby admitted into evidence. The Commission finds that the tariff complies with the Stipulation and Agreement approved in Case No. EO-2005-0263, and will approve the tariff.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The following tariff sheet filed by The Empire District Electric Company on February 2, 2007, and designated Tariff File No. JE-2007-0543, is approved to become effective on March 4, 2007:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5, Section 4

Original Sheet No. 8d

2. This order shall become effective on March 4, 2007.
3. This case may close on March 5, 2007.

(S E A L)

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge