

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

In the Matter of The Empire	)	
District Electric Company's Request	)	<b><u>File No. ER-2016-0023</u></b>
For Authority to Implement a General	)	Tracking No.: YE-2016-0104
Rate Increase for Electric Service	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: November 30, 2015

Effective Date: November 30, 2015

On November 17, 2015, the Commission's Staff, acting on behalf of all parties, filed a *Joint Motion to Set Test Year and to Establish Procedural Schedule*, which stated the following for a proposed test year:

The Parties shall use the EMS run developed by Staff in Case No. ER-2014-0351 and dated March 26, 2015, as a starting point solely for calculation of Empire's revenue requirement. Any party may propose adjustments to revenues and any rate base and expense items. The data shall be updated for revenues, changes in investment to rate base and expense items as of June 30, 2015, and subsequent thereto. The data shall be trued-up through March 31, 2016. Rate base items for Riverton through March 31, 2016 may be included if the in-service criteria for Riverton is determined by the Commission pursuant to § 393.135, RSMo., in this case to have been met by June 1, 2016.

That proposal does not clearly describe the proposed test year. For that reason, the Commission will direct Staff to submit a filing stating the specific dates the parties are requesting be set for the test year.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Staff shall submit the specific dates it proposes be set for the test year in this case no later than December 2, 2015.
2. Parties may file a response to Staff's filing no later than December 4, 2015.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.