

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 15th day of February, 2018.

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's) **File No. GR-2017-0134**
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing)

ORDER ESTABLISHING ENDING ACA BALANCES

Issue Date: February 15, 2018

Effective Date: February 25, 2018

On November 1, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed its Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") in this case for the 2015-2016 period. On December 14, 2017, the Staff of the Public Service Commission filed a recommendation and memorandum indicating that Staff has completed an audit of billed revenues and actual gas costs for the 2015-2016 period. Staff examined Empire's gas purchasing practices to determine the prudence of the company's purchasing and operating decisions.

Staff's recommendation set out the following adjustments to Empire's filed ACA balances:

Description + Under-recovery (-) Over-recovery	8-31-16 Ending Balances Per Filing (A)	Commission Approved Adjustments prior to 2015-2016 ACA (A-1)	Staff Adjustments For 2015-2016 ACA	8-31-16 Staff Recommended Ending Balances
South System: Firm ACA	\$505,713	\$12,001	\$0	\$517,714
Interruptible ACA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Take-or-Pay (TOP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost (TC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
North System: Firm ACA	\$495,593	(\$13,082)	(\$11,112) (B)	\$471,399
Interruptible ACA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Take-or-Pay (TOP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost (TC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northwest System: Firm ACA	(\$190,494)	(\$8,397)	\$0	(\$198,891)
Interruptible ACA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Take-or-Pay (TOP)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost (TC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

A) Includes 2013-2014 ACA adjustments per Commission order.

A-1) Commission order issued February 16, 2017 on Case GR-2016-0099 approving adjusted amounts from 2014-2015 ACA. Due to the timing of Commission's order, Empire has not included these adjustments in its 2015-2016 ACA filing.

B) Restates North System 8-31-15 Firm ACA balance to \$323,977 under-recovery as approved in Case No. GR-2016-0099. The Company had filed \$335,089 under-recovery requiring the \$11,112 staff adjustment.

Staff also offered some recommendations regarding Empire's policies and practices.

Empire filed a response to Staff's recommendation and memorandum on January 29, 2018 that agreed with Staff's recommended balance adjustments. Both Empire and Staff agree that no issues raised by Staff's recommendations require further Commission resolution. The Commission concludes that Staff's recommended ending over/under-recovery balances should be established as Empire's ACA account balances for the 2015-2016 period.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The ending over/under-recovery balances for The Empire District Electric Company's 2015-2016 Actual Cost Adjustment is established as set forth in the body of this order.
2. This order shall become effective on February 25, 2018.

3. This case shall be closed on February 26, 2018.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Silvey, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 15th day of February 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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