

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Case No. ER-2016-0023
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)

**UPDATED AND REVISED
LIST OF ISSUES AND ORDER OF WITNESSES**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and respectfully submits this Updated and Revised List of Issues and Order of Witnesses. This List of Issues includes contributions by several parties with adverse positions in this action; it is necessarily a compromise. Not all parties agree that every issue listed is properly an issue to be decided by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in this case. Not all parties agree on the wording of every issue.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016:

8:30 a.m. Opening Statements on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design

Class Cost of Service and Rate Design:

- A. What, if any, revenue neutral interclass shifts are supported by Class Cost of Service studies?
- B. What, if any, revenue neutral interclass shifts should be made in designing the rates resulting from this case?
- C. What, if any, changes to the residential customer charge are supported by Class Cost of Service studies?
- D. What, if any, changes to the residential customer charge should be made in designing the rates resulting from this case?
- E. How should revenue requirement related to energy efficiency programs be allocated to the customer classes?
- F. How should any revenue requirement increase be implemented in this case?

- G. Should the Commission open a working docket so the parties to this case can discuss the implementation of revised block rate designs for Empire's residential customers?
- H. What, if any, changes to the General Power, SC-P and Large Power customer, demand and energy rate elements should be made in designing the rates resulting from this case?

Keith (Empire)
Hyman (DE)
Marke (OPC)
Haase (Joplin)

Wednesday, June 8, 2016:

8:30 a.m. Cont. with Testimony on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design

Kliethermes, S. (Staff)
Kliethermes, R. (Staff)
Johnstone (MEUA)
Maini (MECG)

1:30 p.m. Cont. with Testimony on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design

Nelson (MECG)
Chriss (MECG)

Thursday, June 9, 2016:

8:30 a.m. Opening Statements on Fuel Models and Inputs

Production Cost Model: What is the appropriate modeling approach and what are the appropriate inputs for energy costs in the SPP IM?

Tarter (Empire)
Lange (Staff)
Mantle (OPC)

Absent a later settlement, the true-up process will also be needed with regard to the appropriate base amount of fuel expense to include in rates. Pursuant to the existing procedural schedule, true-up direct will be filed on June 15, true-up rebuttal will be filed on June 21, and a true-up hearing will take place on June 29.

Wednesday, June 29, 2016:

8:30 a.m. Opening Statements on Fuel Models, Inputs, and Expense

What is the appropriate modeling approach and what are the appropriate inputs for energy costs in the SPP IM? What is the appropriate base amount of fuel and purchased power expense to include in rates?

Tarter (Empire)
Lange (Staff)
Mantle (OPC)

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS, notifying all counsel of record of the filing, and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 3rd day of June, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter