

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 31st
day of May, 1991.

In the matter of the application of The Empire District)
Electric Company for authority to refund certain moneys) Case No. EO-91-354
received from the United States Department of Energy.)
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ORDER APPROVING REFUND

On May 7, 1991, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed an application requesting authority to refund certain moneys received from the United States Department of Energy (DOE). Empire proposes to refund \$11,682, total company, which represents crude oil overcharges collected by DOE and which are required to be refunded to utility customers. Missouri customers of Empire will be refunded \$9,326 by calculating a per kilowatt credit based upon estimated sales for the month of June 1991. The credit will be on customers' June 1991 service statements.

On May 24, 1991, Commission Staff filed a memorandum recommending the Commission approve the refund. Staff indicates the credit to customers will be based upon estimated usage levels to assure that the full amount of the refund will be returned. Staff has calculated the refund for an average residential customer to be \$0.05.

The Commission has considered Empire's proposal and Staff's memorandum and will approve the refund. The refunding of the \$9,326 through a one-time bill credit based upon usage levels appears reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That The Empire District Electric Company be hereby authorized to refund Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$9,326) to Missouri customers as proposed in the application in this case.

2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Mueller, Rauch, McClure and
Perkins, CC., concur.
Steinmeier, Chm., absent.