

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: ER-2001-299

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement)	<u>Case No. ER-2001-299</u>
a General Rate Increase for Retail Electric)	Tariff No. 200100518
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)	
Service Area of the Company.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Pursuant to the procedural schedule adopted in this case on January 4, 2001, an evidentiary hearing will be held on May 29 through June 8, 2001, and a true-up hearing will be held on August 22 and 23, 2001. The Empire District Electric Company (Empire or Company) will give appropriate prior notice of these hearings to each of its customers in the form set out below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Empire District Electric Company shall notify each affected customer of the hearings scheduled in this case, either by a notice on or accompanying a bill or by a separate notice, at least ten days, but not more than 45 days, prior to the first day of the hearings, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE

Empire District Electric Company has filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by approximately 19.3 percent. For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately \$_____ each month.

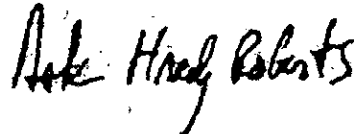
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An evidentiary hearing has been set before the PSC at 8:30 a.m., May 29, 2001, in the PSC's hearing room on the third floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857.

This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

2. That Empire District Electric Company shall file a sample copy of the notice referred to above in this case.
3. That this order shall become effective on May 6, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to Section 386.240,
RSMo 2001.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of April, 2001.

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 26th day of April 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

