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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri, for)
authority to file tariffs increasing) Case No. ER-97-81
rates for electric service provided to)
customers in the Missouri service area of)
the company.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS IN COMPLIANCE
WITH COMMISSION ORDER

On July 16, 1997 the Commission issued its Report and Order in this matter approving a Stipulation and Agreement between the parties and ordering Empire District Electric Company (EDE) to file tariffs in compliance therewith. On July 21 and July 23 EDE filed tariffs bearing an effective date of July 28 and purporting to comply with the Commission's order.

On July 24 the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation stating that after review it is of the opinion that the tariffs are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Agreement and the Commission's order.

After review of the tariffs and the Staff recommendation, the Commission finds the tariffs filed July 21 and July 23 to be reasonable and in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order. The tariffs will be approved for service on or after July 28.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariffs filed July 21, 1997 and July 23, 1997 by the Empire District Electric Company are hereby approved for service on or after July 28, 1997:

Sec. A,
13th Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling 12th Revised Sheet No. 1

Sec. 1,
8th Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling 7th Revised Sheet No. 1

Sec. 2,
7th Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 1
7th Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 2
7th Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 3
4th Revised Sheet No. 3a Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 3a
8th Revised Sheet No. 4 Cancelling 7th Revised Sheet No. 4
5th Revised Sheet No. 4a Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 4a
7th Revised Sheet No. 5 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 5
7th Revised Sheet No. 6 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 6
7th Revised Sheet No. 7 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 7
2nd Revised Sheet No. 7a Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 7a
3rd Revised Sheet No. 9 Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 9
3rd Revised Sheet No. 9a Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 9a
2nd Revised Sheet No. 9b Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 9b
2nd Revised Sheet No. 10 Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 10
2nd Revised Sheet No. 10a Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 10a
2nd Revised Sheet No. 13 Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 13
1st Revised Sheet No. 14 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14
1st Revised Sheet No. 14a Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14a
1st Revised Sheet No. 14b Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14b
1st Revised Sheet No. 14c Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14c
1st Revised Sheet No. 14d Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14d
1st Revised Sheet No. 14e Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14e

Sec. 3,
7th Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 1
2nd Revised Sheet No. 1a Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 1a
9th Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 2
5th Revised Sheet No. 2a Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 2a
7th Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 3
7th Revised Sheet No. 4 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 4

Sec. 4,
6th Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling 5th Revised Sheet No. 2
Original Sheet No. 20

2. That this order shall become effective on July 28, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized, flowing script.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Joseph A. Derque, III, Administrative
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240 RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of July, 1997.