

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company)
For Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Related) **File No. ER-2016-0080**
To the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power) Tariff No. JE-2016-0098
Adjustment (FAC) Required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(4))

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE
AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: October 2, 2015

Effective Date: October 2, 2015

On October 1, 2015, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), submitted an application and tariff designed to implement an adjustment to its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause. The submitted tariff bears an effective date of December 1, 2015.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), the Commission's Staff shall submit a recommendation regarding the proposed adjustment no later than 30 days after its filing. No later than 60 days after receiving the proposed adjustment, the Commission must: (1) enter an interim rate adjustment; or (2) approve or reject the tariff as submitted; or (3) allow the tariff to go into effect by operation of law. Consequently, the Commission shall issue notice, set an intervention deadline, and direct its Staff to file a recommendation.

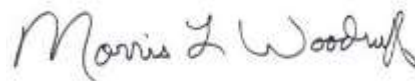
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.161(10) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission approved Empire's fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to this tariff case, without the necessity of having to apply for intervention. Therefore, the Commission acknowledges that the parties to File No. ER-2014-0351 (the file in which

Empire's FAC was most recently re-approved) are parties to this case, and will direct its Data Center to add those parties to the service list.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the parties to File No. ER-2014-0351.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall add all parties to File No. ER-2014-0351 to the service list for this case.
3. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than October 14, 2015.
4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of Empire's application no later than November 2, 2015.
5. This order shall become effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of October, 2015.