

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of December, 2019.

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Request for Authority)
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)
Service Provided to Customers in its)
Missouri Service Area)

File No. ER-2019-0374

ORDER APPROVING NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: December 30, 2019

Effective Date: December 30, 2019

On December 6, 2019, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) submitted its suggested customer notice for local public hearings in The Empire District Electric Company's (Empire) pending rate proceeding. On December 11, 2019, the Commission issued an order setting local public hearings, but reserved ruling on the customer notice. On December 16, 2019, Empire filed a response to OPC's suggested customer notice offering an alternative customer notice, and on December 20, 2019, the Commission's Staff filed a response in support of Empire's position.

The Commission has considered the customer notices and has determined that Empire's customer notice is the least confusing, but that a row should be added to include a chart showing the residential class average annual impact.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Customer notice attached to this order as Attachment A is approved by the Commission and shall be provided to each of The Empire District Electric Company's customers.
2. This order is effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge