

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of February, 2020.

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 DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Issue Date: February 19, 2020

Effective Date: February 19, 2020

On January 28, 2020, the Commission denied the Office of the Public Counsel's (OPC) motion to modify the test year to include isolated adjustments related to retirement of the Asbury power plant. On January 30, 2020, OPC filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider its order denying OPC's motion to modify test year.

The Commission ordered its Staff and The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) to respond, and received timely responses from both. OPC then filed a reply to Staff and Empire's responses. OPC continues to assert that failing to modify the test year to allow for adjustments for the retirement of the Asbury power plant violates the fundamental goal of ratemaking.

After considering OPC's motion, reply, and the responses of Empire and Staff, the Commission will deny the motion. The Commission will not modify the test year, nor allow isolated adjustments for Asbury's retirement to be addressed in this general rate proceeding. The Commission will address the impacts of Asbury's retirement in Empire's

next rate proceeding, which Empire states it will file upon the conclusion of this proceeding.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. OPC's motion for reconsideration is denied.
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, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge