

**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-2016-0253**  
To the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment    ) Tariff No. JE-2016-0253  
Clause(FAC) Required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(4)            )

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

Issue Date: April 4, 2016

Effective Date: April 4, 2016

On April 1, 2016, 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 June 1, 2016.

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. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the service territory of The Empire District Electric Company.

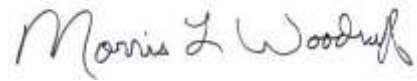
4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of the service area of The Empire District Electric Company and to the news media serving the residents of the service territory of The Empire District Electric Company.

5. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than April 18, 2016.

6. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of Empire's application no later than May 2, 2016.

7. 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.