

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company’s Request for Authority) **File No. ER-2019-0374**
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)
Service Provided to Customers in its)
Missouri Service Area)

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COUNSEL’S MOTION
TO RECONSIDER MODIFYING THE TEST YEAR**

Issue Date: January 30, 2020

Effective Date: January 30, 2020

On January 30, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider its prior order and modify the trued-up, updated test year to include adjustments for the retirement of Asbury. OPC renews its request that the Commission modify the test year to include isolated adjustments for Asbury’s retirement. In support of its motion, OPC provides additional numerical support for including the impacts of Asbury’s retirement, as well as an argument that it violates the fundamental goal of ratemaking to exclude Asbury’s retirement from this rate proceeding.

The Commission will order its Staff and The Empire District Electric Company to respond, and will allow for other responses.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Staff shall file a pleading no later than February 5, 2020, responding to the Office of the Public Counsel’s motion to reconsider.
2. The Empire District Electric Company shall file a pleading no later than February 5, 2020, responding to the Office of the Public Counsel’s motion to reconsider.

3. Any other party may respond to the Office of the Public Counsel's motion to reconsider no later than February 5, 2020.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of January, 2020.