

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held in Kansas City
on the 6th day of June, 2018.

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under)
Section 393.137 (SB 564) to Adjust the)
Electric Rates of The Empire District)
Electric Company)

File No. ER-2018-0366

**ORDER OPENING CASE, DIRECTING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING TIME TO
INTERVENE, AND SCHEDULING A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: June 6, 2018

Effective Date: June 6, 2018

Section 393.137 of Missouri's statutes, passed as part of Senate Bill 564 during the second regular session of the 99th General Assembly, gives the Commission one-time authority to order an adjustment to the electric rates of an electrical corporation in light of the recently enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Because it contains an emergency clause, that section became effective on June 1, 2018, when Senate Bill 564 was signed by the Governor. The section allows the Commission only ninety days after its effective date to act on the granted authority.

The Commission will open this case to adjust the electric rates of The Empire District Electric Company. The Commission will also direct notice, establish a deadline to apply to intervene, and schedule a procedural conference.¹

¹ On June 4, 2018, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion in File No. ER-2018-0365 asking the Commission to open a case such as this. With the opening of this case, that motion has become moot, and that case will be closed.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice and order to each party to Empire's most recent general rate case – ER-2016-0023 - and to the county commission of each county within Empire's service area. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Empire's service area and the news media serving Empire's service area.

2. All parties to File No. ER-2018-0228 - a case previously established to consider adjustment of Empire's electric rates - are made parties to this case.²

3. Any party wishing to apply to intervene shall file an appropriate motion no later than June 13, 2018, by transmitting it to:

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

4. A procedural conference is scheduled for June 14, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The conference will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

² Those parties are: The Empire District Electric Company, The City of Joplin, Missouri; The Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG); and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6th day of June 2018.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

June 6, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,


Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.