

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 16th day of February, 2017.

In The Matter of The Empire
District Electric Company's
Low-Income Pilot Program

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File No. EO-2017-0041
Tracking No. YE-2017-0117

ORDER APPROVING COMPLIANCE TARIFF

Issue Date: February 16, 2017

Effective Date: February 28, 2017

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed a tariff sheet (Tracking No. YE-2017-0117) to establish a low-income pilot program (hereinafter, the "Program"). The Commission directed Empire to establish the Program in Empire's last general rate case, File No. ER-2016-0023. The tariff sheet establishes the Program goal of providing electric bill payment assistance to customers meeting certain eligibility requirements and to evaluate the impact of the Program on the disconnections and uncollectible/bad debts amounts for Empire.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff* stating that the Program tariff sheet complied with the Commission's August 10, 2016 *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement* in File No. ER-2016-0023. No other comments were filed. The Commission suspended the tariff sheet until February 28 and directed Staff to submit a clarification on whether the tariff sheet included an annual budget of \$250,000 or the Commission-ordered total

budget of \$250,000. Staff submitted a clarification and corrected memorandum verifying that the tariff sheet implements a total program budget of \$250,000.

The Commission finds Empire's tariff sheet complies with the Commission's August 26, 2016 Order *Approving Stipulation and Agreement* in File No. ER-2016-0023 and will approve the tariff sheet to go into effect on February 28, 2017.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following tariff sheet filed by The Empire District Electric Company and assigned Tracking Number YE-2017-0117 is approved to become effective on February 28, 2017:

P.S.C. MO No. 5, Section 4
Original Sheet No. 24

2. The Empire District Electric Company shall submit a report of the results of the Program as part of its direct case during its next general rate case.
3. This order shall become effective on February 28, 2017.
4. This file shall close on March 1, 2017.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge.

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 16th day of February 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 16, 2017

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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
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