#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Application to Modify Its FAC Tariff File No. ER-2013-0442 Tariff No. YE-2013-0424

### ORDER APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

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Issue Date: May 15, 2013

Effective Date: June 1, 2013

On April 1, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed a tariff to adjust the company's rates pursuant to its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC). In accordance with Empire's FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to recover from customers 95 percent of the company's net cost increases or decreases. Empire's requested adjustment would decrease a typical residential customer's bill by approximately \$0.61 per month.

The Commission's Staff filed a recommendation regarding Empire's tariff on May 1. Staff verified that Empire's actual fuel and purchased power costs match the fuel and purchased power costs included in the company's calculated rates set in the submitted tariffs. Staff advises the Commission to approve the tariff to become effective on its June 1, 2013 effective date.

More than ten days have passed since Staff filed its recommendation, and no party has filed a response to that recommendation.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties not more than ten days from the date of filing to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Based on the Direct Testimony of Todd W. Tarter, submitted by Empire along with its tariff, as well as the uncontested recommendation of Staff, the Commission will approve Empire's proposed rate schedule

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The rate schedule submitted by The Empire District Electric Company as Tariff No. YE-2013-0424, is approved as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews, to become effective on June 1, 2013. The tariff sheet approved is:

## P.S.C. MO No. 5, Section 4

5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 17k, Canceling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 17k

- 2. This order shall become effective on June 1, 2013.
- 3. This file shall be closed on June 2, 2013.

# BY THE COMMISSION

Morris I Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Jarrett and W. Kenney, CC., concur. Stoll, C., absent.

Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge