

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in Kansas City  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

In The Matter of The Empire District Electric	)	<b><u>File No. ET-2015-0285</u></b>
Company's Solar Rebate Tariff and	)	Tariff Nos. YE-2015-0322
Revised Net Metering Tariff.	)	YE-2015-0323

**ORDER APPROVING EXPEDITED TARIFF**

Issue Date: May 6, 2015

Effective Date: May 16, 2015

On May 5, 2015, The Empire District Electric Company issued tariffs to establish solar rebate payment procedures, and to revise its net metering tariffs to accommodate the payment of solar rebates. Empire has amended its tariffs to comply with a recent Missouri Supreme Court decision that determined a statutory exemption from the payment of solar rebates, upon which Empire had relied to avoid paying solar rebates, was repealed by the passage of a subsequent initiative petition. Empire's tariffs carry a June 4 effective date, but Empire asks the Commission to approve the tariffs at its May 6 agenda meeting, with the tariffs to take effect ten days after the effective date of the approving order. Empire also seeks a waiver of the 60-day filing notice requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2).

Empire explains that it has worked with the Staff of the Commission, Public Counsel, and other stakeholders to craft the language of the tariffs. It contends expedited approval of the tariffs is necessary to allow Empire's customers to begin receiving solar rebates as soon as possible. Public Counsel filed a response on May 5, voicing its support for the expedited approval of Empire's tariffs. Staff filed a recommendation in favor of the tariff.

The Commission finds that the submitted tariffs should be approved on less than thirty days' notice so that Empire's customers can begin to receive solar rebates as soon as possible.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The proposed tariff sheets submitted under Tariff No. YE-2015-0322 by The Empire District Electric Company are approved, effective on and after May 16, 2015. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

**P.S.C. MO No. 5**  
**Original Sheet No. 23**  
**Original Sheet No. 23a**  
**Original Sheet No. 23b**  
**Original Sheet No. 23c**  
**Original Sheet No. 23d**  
**Original Sheet No. 23e**  
**Original Sheet No. 23f**  
**Original Sheet No. 23g**  
**Original Sheet No. 23h**

2. The proposed tariff sheets submitted under Tariff No. YE-2015-0323 by The Empire District Electric Company is approved, effective on and after May 16, 2015. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

**P.S.C. MO No. 5**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16, Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16a, Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16a**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16c, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16c**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16a, Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16a**  
**Original Sheet No. 16d**  
**Original Sheet No. 16e**  
**Original Sheet No. 16f**

3. This order shall become effective on May 16, 2015.
4. This file shall be closed on May 17, 2015.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney  
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge