

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

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| In the Matter of The Empire |) | |
| District Electric Company's Request |) | <u>File No. ER-2016-0023</u> |
| For Authority to Implement a General |) | Tracking No.: YE-2017-0120 |
| Rate Increase for Electric Service |) | |

ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION OF TARIFF SHEETS

Issue Date: February 27, 2017

Effective Date: February 27, 2017

On December 2, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed tariff sheets revising its Demand Side Management program, as directed by the Commission's *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement* ("Order") in Empire's general rate case. The Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") submitted a response objecting to the tariff sheets. OPC stated that the tariff sheets do not comply with the terms of the Commission- approved stipulation and agreement that directed Empire and the Demand Side Management Group to investigate Pay As You Save ("PAYS") Financing and the feasibility of administering PAYS Financing. Empire submitted a reply stating that the tariff sheets are in compliance with the stipulation and agreement.

The Commission will further suspend the tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets filed by The Empire District Electric Company on December 2, 2016, and assigned Tracking No. YE-2017-0120, are further suspended until May 1, 2017, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. This order shall become effective when issued.



THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of February, 2017.

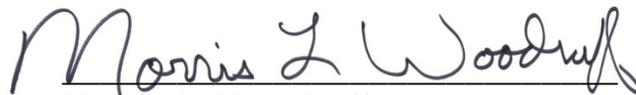
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 27th day of February 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 27, 2017

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

Sincerely,



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