

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the First Prudence Review of Costs)
Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of The Empire District Electric Company)
File No. EO-2010-0084

ORDER ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR HEARING REQUESTS

Issue Date: March 1, 2010

Effective Date: March 1, 2010

On September 4, 2009, the Commission's Staff commenced a prudence audit of The Empire District Electric Company's ("Empire") fuel adjustment clause. Staff filed its report and recommendation on February 26, 2010. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(7)(B), any hearing requests must be filed no later than 190 days post audit initiation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Requests for a hearing shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2010.¹
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of March, 2010.

¹ The 190-day post audit initiation deadline runs on March 13, 2010. Because it falls on a Saturday, the Commission's computation of time rule extends the deadline until Monday March 15, 2010.