BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Second Prudence Review)	
of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved)	File No. EO-2011-0285
Fuel Adjustment Clause of The Empire District)	
Electric Company)	

ORDER CHANGING BEGINNING OF AUDIT PERIOD

Issue Date: April 18, 2011 Effective Date: April 18, 2011

On March 9, 2011¹, the Commission's Staff ("Staff") filed a notice indicating that on March 1, 2011, it started its prudence audit of the fuel adjustment clause the Commission established for The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), in that company's last rate case, ER-2008-0093. The Commission issued a notice the following day.

On March 22, the Staff of the Commission filed a Correction of Staff's Notice of Start of Second Prudence Audit. Staff stated it inadvertently listed September 30, 2009, as the start of the audit period. Staff states that the correct date is actually September 1, 2009. Staff asks the Commission to issue an order reflecting this correction.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no such other order, more than ten days has passed since Staff's March 22 pleading, and

¹ Calendar references are to 2011 unless otherwise noted.

no party has objected to Staff's request. Thus, the Commission, finding Staff's request reasonable, will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff's request for relief is granted.
- 2. The beginning of the audit period for this case is September 1, 2009, and not September 30, 2009.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 18th day of April, 2011.