

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 22nd day
of July, 2015.

In the Matter of The Empire)	
District Electric Company for Authority)	<u>File No. ER-2014-0351</u>
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for)	Tracking No. YE-2015-0074
Electric Service Provided to Customers)	
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)	

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION/RECONSIDERATION

Issue Date: July 22, 2015

Effective Date: August 2, 2015

On June 24, 2015, the Commission issued a Report and Order in this matter. In the Report and Order, the Commission made determinations based on the results of the Class Cost of Service Study ("CCOSS") submitted by the Commission's Staff. To support its determinations for the rates to be charged the various rate classes, the Commission made the following finding:

Of the four CCOS studies submitted by the parties, Staff's most reasonably recognizes the relationship between the cost of the plant required to serve various levels of demand and energy requirements and the cost of producing energy.¹

On July 2, 2015, Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG) filed a Motion for Clarification/Reconsideration. MECG's motion expresses concern over the Commission's finding about Staff's Base and Intermediate Peak ("BIP") CCOSS. MECG argues this is a gratuitous finding. While MECG states that it does not object to the Commission working with the results of Staff's CCOSS, it is worried this "gratuitous" finding will be relied upon by

¹ EFIS Item No. 313; Report and Order, pg. 15, ¶10.

Staff to argue its methodology is the most appropriate. Presumably, MECG is concerned about the impact of the Commission's finding on future rate cases.

MECG requests a clarification from the Commission that this finding should not be interpreted as a finding of the appropriateness of Staff's CCOSS method relative to other methods. MECG points out that the requested clarification will not have any impact on the rates resulting from the Commission's Report and Order. No responses were filed to MECG's motion.

The Commission's finding of fact at issue established why the Commission's determinations were based on Staff's CCOSS. The Commission's June 24, 2015, Report and Order does not establish a general preference by the Commission for a specific methodology to calculate the cost of service for various rate classes. Therefore, MECG's concern about the impact the Commission's factual finding may have in future rate cases is unreasonable. The Commission will deny the motion for clarification/reconsideration.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. MECG's Motion for Clarification/Reconsideration is denied.
2. This order shall be effective on August 2, 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.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge.