

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or until all persons present who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri.

2. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. or until all persons present who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri.

3. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or until all persons present who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Tri-Lakes TCRC, University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Springs High School, ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413 (in the South Wing of Reeds Spring High School), Reeds Spring, Missouri.

4. At least ten days before the local public hearings, The Empire District Electric Company shall provide individual notice to each of its electric service customers using the following language:

NOTICE

On October 29, 2009, The Empire District Electric Company filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC), which would increase Empire's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by approximately 20 percent. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilo-watt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$19 each month.

Local public hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

March 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri

March 23, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri

March 23, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at Tri-Lakes TCRC, University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Spring High School, ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413 (in the South Wing of Reeds Spring High School), Reeds Spring, Missouri

As you will only be allowed to give testimony during the local public hearing and not ask questions, a question and answer session will be held ½ hour prior the start of the hearing.

If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov or you may contact the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211 or e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

The Commission will also conduct evidentiary hearings at its offices in Jefferson City on May 3-14, 2010

The buildings where the hearing will be held meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392.4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

5. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

6. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve constituents in The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

7. The Empire District Electric Company shall place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service territory. The advertisements shall contain the information from the customer notice relevant to the customers in the newspaper's circulation area.

8. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of January, 2010.