

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

In the Matter of the True-Up of The Empire District)
Electric Company’s Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)) **File No. EO-2016-0254**

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE
AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: April 4, 2016

Effective Date: April 4, 2016

On April 1, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), submitted an application containing its true-up filing for its Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”). Empire requests that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff. The submitted tariff bears an effective date of June 1, 2016.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(5), the Commission’s Staff shall submit a recommendation regarding the proposed true-up no later than 30 days after its filing. No later than 60 days after receiving the proposed true-up, the Commission must: (1) issue an order deciding the true-up; or (2) suspend the timeline of the true-up to receive additional evidence or hold a hearing, if required. Consequently, the Commission shall issue notice, set an intervention deadline, and direct its Staff to file a recommendation.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.161(10) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established Empire’s fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to this tariff case, without the necessity of having to apply for intervention. Therefore, the Commission acknowledges that the parties to File No. ER-2014-0351 (the file in which Empire’s FAC was most recently re-approved) are parties to this case, and will direct its Data Center to add those parties to the service list.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the parties to File No. ER-2014-0351.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall add all parties to File No. ER-2014-0351 to the service list for this case.
3. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the service territory of The Empire District Electric Company.
4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of the service area of The Empire District Electric Company and to the news media serving the residents of the service territory of The Empire District Electric Company.
5. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than April 18, 2016.
6. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of Empire's application no later than May 2, 2016.

7. This order shall become effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of April, 2016.