BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In The Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Revised Cogeneration and Net Metering Tariff Sheets File No. ET-2017-0219 Tariff Nos. YE-2017-0159 and YE-2017-0160

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF TARIFF

Issue Date: February 14, 2017 Effective Date: February 14, 2017

The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed tariff revisions on February 14, 2017, to amend its cogeneration and net metering tariffs. The tariff revisions carry a March 16 effective date, but Empire has filed a motion for expedited treatment asking the Commission to approve the tariff revisions to take effect as soon as possible.

Empire's motion explains that it originally filed its cogeneration and net metering tariff revisions on January 13, 2017, and gave them a thirty-day effective date of February 12. But before those tariffs went into effect, the Commission's Staff identified errors in the rates established in those tariffs. In response to Staff's concerns, Empire withdrew the erroneous tariffs before they became effective.

Empire says that the revised tariffs it filed on February 14 correct the errors identified by Staff. It argues that since Staff has already thoroughly reviewed the January 13 versions of these tariffs, a thirty-day effective date for the revised tariffs is unnecessary. Because these tariffs will increase the amounts paid to customers under

the net metering and cogeneration programs, Empire contends they should be approved to be effective as soon as possible.

Before the Commission decides whether to approve Empire's tariff revisions on an expedited basis, it will direct its Staff to respond to Empire's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall respond to The Empire District Electric Company's Motion for Expedited Treatment no later than February 16, 2017.

2. Any other party wishing to respond to The Empire District Electric Company's Motion for Expedited Treatment shall do so no later than February 16, 2017.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14th day of February, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14th day of February 2017.



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 14, 2017

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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