

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Seventh Prudence Review)
Of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved)
Fuel Adjustment Clause of The Empire)
District Electric Company)

File No. EO-2018-0244

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 19, 2018

Effective Date: September 19, 2018

On September 17, 2018, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a *Motion for Evidentiary Hearing*, which requested that the Commission schedule a procedural conference to discuss a procedural schedule leading to an evidentiary hearing. OPC raised the same objections to the Staff recommendation that OPC raised in a similar previous case, File No. EO-2017-0065, which is currently on appeal at the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals in case no. WD81627. Since the parties and issues in the two cases seem to be substantially similar, it may be prudent, in the interest of administrative economy, to wait before proceeding further in this case until the Commission has received guidance from the Court in the pending appeal. The Commission will direct the parties to respond and provide a recommendation on whether the Commission should hold this case in abeyance until the Court of Appeals renders an opinion in WD81627.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall respond to the issue raised in this order no later than October 1, 2018.

2. This order shall become effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of September, 2018.

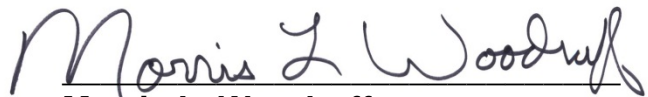
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 19th day of September 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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