

**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)	<u>File No. EO-2018-0244</u>
Fuel Adjustment Clause of The Empire District)	
Electric Company)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ACKNOWLEDGING AUTOMATIC PARTIES,
ESTABLISHING DEADLINES FOR INTERVENTION AND FOR REQUESTING A
HEARING**

Issue Date: March 21, 2018

Effective Date: March 21, 2018

On March 9, 2018, the Commission's Staff filed notice that on March 9, 2018, it started its prudence audit of the fuel adjustment clause established for The Empire District Electric Company for the period September 1, 2016, through February 28, 2018. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(7)(B) requires Staff to file notice regarding the commencement of an audit. That rule also requires Staff to file its recommendation regarding the audit no later than 180 days after it initiates the audit. Pursuant to the same rule, other parties to the case have 190 days after initiation of the audit to request a hearing. Since 190 days from the start of Staff's review is a Saturday, the Commission will extend the deadline to request a hearing to the following Monday.

The Commission will give notice of the commencement of Staff's audit to potentially interested entities and will set a date for the filing of applications to intervene. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.161(10) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established the fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to this prudence audit case. The Commission acknowledges the parties to ER-2014-0351 as parties to this case without the need to apply to intervene. The Data Center shall add these parties to the service list.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall add the parties from File Number ER-2014-0351 to the certified service list for this file.

2. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than April 6, 2018. Such applications shall be filed by delivery to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information system.

3. Staff shall file its recommendation no later than September 5, 2018.
4. Any request for a hearing shall be filed no later than September 17, 2018.
5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of March, 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 21st day of March 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 21, 2018

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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
Secretary**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.