

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of January, 2017.

In the Matter of the Joint Application of The)	
Empire District Electric Company and White)	
River Valley Electric Cooperative for Approval)	<u>File No. EO-2017-0159</u>
Of a Change of Electric Supplier for Certain)	
Customers in Taney County, Missouri, and for)	
Reasons in the Public Interest)	

ORDER GRANTING CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

Issue Date: January 11, 2017

Effective Date: February 10, 2017

On November 30, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and White River Valley Electric Cooperative (White River) (jointly referred to as “Applicants”) filed a *Joint Application for Change of Electric Supplier*. Empire is an investor-owned electric corporation and White River is a rural electric cooperative. The Applicants seek authority to change the electric supplier of electric service from White River to Empire for structures situated on two parcels of property near the city limits of the City of Branson, Missouri.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation to approve the change of supplier and a supporting memorandum on December 22, 2016. According to the Staff memorandum, the Staff conducted an investigation and reviewed the information submitted in the application. Staff reported that a developer has requested that White River’s existing distribution line currently serving two structures near a planned development be removed. White River has consented to the removal of the line as it is in need of substantial upgrades and the land

on which it sits is expected to be voluntarily annexed into the City of Branson. Empire has agreed to serve the structures at issue and the structure owners have consented to the change of supplier. Thus, Staff recommends the change of supplier be approved because it is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential.

Sections 394.315 and 393.106, RSMo, give the Commission jurisdiction over this type of change of electric service supplier so long as the change is “in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential.” Having considered the joint application and Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds the proposed transfer of suppliers is in the public interest since it allows for a move of existing infrastructure to aid in planned development of the area. The Commission will grant the *Joint Application for Change of Electric Supplier*.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Joint Application for Change of Electric Supplier* filed by The Empire District Electric Company and White River Valley Electric Cooperative is granted.
2. This order shall be effective on February 10, 2017.
3. This file shall be closed on February 11, 2017.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Dippell, Regulatory Law Judge

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 11th day of January 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 11, 2017

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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**

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