

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 2020.

In the Matter of the Eighth Prudence Review	)	
of Costs Subject to the Commission-	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2020-0059</u></b>
Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of The	)	
Empire District Electric Company	)	

**ORDER APPROVING STAFF'S PRUDENCE AUDIT REPORT**

Issue Date: March 18, 2020

Effective Date: April 17, 2020

This case was opened on September 4, 2019, to consider The Empire District Electric Company's (Empire) eighth fuel adjustment clause prudence review. On February 28, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed a report regarding its review in which it found no incidence or evidence of imprudence by Empire for the period of March 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019. Ten days have passed since the filing of Staff's report and no requests for hearing were filed.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission has considered Staff's unopposed report and recommendation. In evaluating prudence, Staff reviewed whether a reasonable person would find that both the information Empire relied on, and the process Empire employed when making the decision under review, were reasonable based on the circumstances at the time the decision was made, without the benefit of hindsight. During its review, Staff found no evidence of imprudence by Empire.

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<sup>1</sup> 20 CSR 4240-20.090(11)(B).

The Commission finds Staff's report and recommendation regarding its prudence review of Empire's fuel and purchased power costs and off-system sales revenue associated with its fuel adjustment clause to be reasonable, and will approve it.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Staff Report for the eighth prudence review of costs related to the fuel adjustment clause for the electric operations of The Empire District Electric Company is approved.
2. This order shall become effective on April 17, 2020.
3. This file shall be closed on April 18, 2020.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and  
Holsman CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**March 19, 2020**

**File/Case No. EO-2020-0059**

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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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