

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 12th day of
November, 2014.

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company)	
For Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Related)	<u>File No. ER-2015-0085</u>
To the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment)	Tracking No. JE-2015-0137
Clause (FAC) Required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(4))	

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
RATES**

Issue Date: November 12, 2014

Effective Date: December 1, 2014

On October 1, 2014, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") submitted a tariff sheet to implement an adjustment to its Fuel Adjustment Rates ("FAR") pursuant to its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). The requested adjustments would decrease the FAC of an Empire residential customer's monthly bill from \$1.73 to \$1.08; a decrease of \$0.65 per month. The effective date of the tariff sheet (Tracking No. JE-2015-0137) is December 1, 2014.

The Commission's Staff filed a recommendation regarding Empire's tariff on October 27, 2014. Staff verified that Empire's actual fuel and purchased power costs, plus net emissions allowance costs, less off-system sales revenue and renewable energy credits, match Empire's calculated rates submitted in the tariff. Staff also reviewed Empire's monthly interest rates that are applied to the monthly over/under recovery amounts for Accumulation Period 12, a portion of Recovery Period 11, and a portion of Recovery Period 10. Staff recommended the Commission issue an order approving the proposed tariff sheet, subject to

both true-up and prudence reviews. More than ten days have passed since Staff filed its recommendation and no party has filed a response to that recommendation.¹

Based on the Direct Testimony of Todd Tarter, submitted by Empire along with its tariff sheet, and the recommendation of Staff, the Commission will approve Empire's proposed rate schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The rate schedule submitted by The Empire District Electric Company as Tariff No. JE-2015-0137, is approved as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews, to become effective on December 1, 2014. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5, Section 4

5th Revised Sheet No. 17e, Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 17e

2. This order shall become effective on December 1, 2014.
3. This file shall be closed on December 2, 2014.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge

¹ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows parties not more than ten days from the date of filing to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.