

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's filing to adjust rates under its)	
approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost)	<u>File No. ER-2014-0264</u>
Recovery Mechanism Pursuant to)	Tariff No. JE-2014-0378
4 CSR 240-2.090(4))	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND DIRECTING
STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: April 2, 2014

Effective Date: April 2, 2014

On April 1, 2014, The Empire District Electric Company submitted a tariff sheet designed to implement an adjustment to its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause for the accumulation period ending February 28, 2014. The tariff sheet bears and effective date of June 1, 2014.

Pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), the Commission's Staff shall submit a recommendation regarding the proposed adjustment no later than 30 days after the tariff filing. No later than 60 days after receiving the proposed adjustment, the Commission must: (1) enter an interim rate adjustment; (2) approve or reject the tariff as submitted; or (3) allow the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law. Consequently, the Commission will issue notice of this tariff filing, set an intervention deadline and direct its Staff to file a recommendation.

Rule 4 CSR 240-3.161(10) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established Empire's fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to this tariff case. The Commission therefore acknowledges that parties to File No. ER-2012-0345

are parties to this case, and will direct the Data Center to add those parties to the service list.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in The Empire District Electric Company's service area.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall add all of the parties to File No. ER-2012-0345 to the service list for this case.
3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing constituents in The Empire District Electric Company's service area and to the news media serving those areas.
4. Requests to intervene shall be file no later than April 16, 2014.
5. The Staff of the Commission shall file, no later than May 1, 2014, a recommendation regarding its examination and analysis of The Empire District Electric Company's tariff filing.
6. This order shall become effective upon issuance.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of April, 2014.