

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

In the Matter of The Empire )  
District Electric Company for Authority ) **File No. ER-2014-0351**  
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for ) Tracking No. YE-2015-0074  
Electric Service Provided to Customers )  
in the Company's Missouri Service Area )

**ORDER SETTING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES**

Issue Date: November 20, 2014

Effective Date: November 20, 2014

On November 12, 2014, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed a Request for Scheduling of Public Hearings. Empire suggested three local public hearings be held the first week of February 2015. In response to Empire's request, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed *Comments and Recommendation Regarding Local Public Hearing Dates*. Staff proposes the local public hearings be held February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and the Technical Conference dates be re-set to February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will set a deadline for parties to file replies to Staff's requests.

In addition, on November 19, 2014, Empire filed a motion requesting leave to supplement the direct testimony of Todd W. Tarter and Dr. James H. Vander Weide. Empire states the supplemental testimony discusses issues related to the proposed continuation of its Fuel Adjustment Clause and Empire's cost of equity and a recommended range of equity. The Commission will set a deadline for responses to Empire's motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Parties may file responses to Staff's *Comments and Recommendation Regarding Local Public Hearing Dates* no later than November 25, 2014.

2. Parties may file responses to *Empire's Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Direct Testimony* no later than December 1, 2014.

3. 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, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.