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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Exhibit No. 116  
Date 8-24-17 Reporter AF  
File No. 10-297-0025

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company )  
for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Related to the ) File No. ER-2017-0092  
Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment Clause ) Tracking No. JE-2017-0046  
(FAC) Required in 4 CSR 240-20.090(4). )

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

Issue Date: November 17, 2016

Effective Date: December 1, 2016

The Empire District Electric Company ("the company") filed the tariff<sup>1</sup> to adjust the company's rates pursuant to the company's fuel adjustment clause (FAC).<sup>2</sup> Staff filed a recommendation<sup>3</sup> regarding the tariff. The Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a response to that recommendation.<sup>4</sup> The company filed a response to OPC's filing.<sup>5</sup>

The tariff will adjust the company's rates per kilowatt hour ("kWh") by \$0.00449 for primary voltage level service and \$0.00457 for secondary voltage level service. For a

<sup>1</sup> Electronic Information System ("EFIS") No. 2 (September 30, 2016); substituted at EFIS No. 5 (October 25, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> An FAC passes increases or decreases in net fuel cost to customers, without a general rate case, but periodically adjusted for over-recovery and under-recovery.

<sup>3</sup> EFIS No. 6 (October 31, 2016); corrected at EFIS No. 7 (November 1, 2016).

<sup>4</sup> EFIS No. 8 (November 9, 2016) *Recommendation of the Office of the Public Counsel Regarding Empire District Electric Company and Commission Staff.*

<sup>5</sup> EFIS No. 10 (November 15, 2016) *The Empire District Electric Company's Response to the Recommendation of the Office of the Public Counsel.*

residential customer using 1,100 kWh per month, the tariff decreases the FAC by approximately \$2.50 per month.

Staff agrees and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff. OPC does not object. Nevertheless, OPC requests an order requiring the company to change the way it reports certain costs and revenues. In support, OPC cites certain administrative orders and alleges that the company is not complying with those orders.<sup>6</sup> The company argues that this action is inappropriate for such a determination. The company is correct. The statutes and the Commission's regulations prescribe the complaint procedure for determining OPC's charges.<sup>7</sup> OPC's filing leaves no time to litigate a complaint within this case, so the Commission will deny OPC's request, without determining the merits of that request.

On the basis of the verified and uncontested filings, the Commission concludes that the tariff conforms to the applicable statutes, regulations, and tariffs, so the Commission will approve the tariff.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The tariff assigned Tracking No. JE-2017-0046 is approved as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews, to become effective on December 1, 2016.

2. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. MO Schedule No. 6**

Section 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17ac cancelling Section 4 Original Sheet No. 17ac

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<sup>6</sup> File No. ER-2014-0351 *In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area* EFIS No. 313 (June 24, 2015) *Report and Order* page 28; which cites File No. ER-2014-0258 *In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase Its Revenues for Electric Service*, EFIS No. 742 (April 29, 2015) *Report and Order* page 113, finding of fact 7; which cites Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order 668.

<sup>7</sup> Section 386.390, RSMo 2000; 4 CSR 240-2.070.

3. This order shall be effective on December 1, 2016.

4. This file shall close on December 2, 2016



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.

Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

## THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

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## FUEL &amp; PURCHASE POWER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

## RIDER FAC

For service on and after September 14, 2016

	Accumulation Period Ending		Aug 31, 2016
1	Total Energy Cost (TEC) = (FC + PP + E – OSSR - REC)		60,294,281
2	Net Base Energy Cost (B)	-	71,719,486
	2.1 Base Factor (BF)		0.02684
	2.2 Accumulation Period NSI ( $S_{AP}$ )		2,672,112,000
3	(TEC-B)		(11,425,205)
4	Missouri Energy Ratio (J)	*	82.02%
5	(TEC - B) * J		(9,371,395)
6	Fuel Cost Recovery	*	95.00%
7	(TEC - B) * J * 0.95		(8,902,825)
8	True-Up Amount (T)	+	(516,561)
9	Prudence Adjustment Amount (P)	+	
10	Interest (I)	+	(37,172)
11	Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA)	=	(9,456,558)
12	Forecasted Missouri NSI ( $S_{RP}$ )	÷	2,205,063,123
13	Current Period Fuel Adjustment Rate (FAR) to be applied Beginning December 1, 2016	=	(0.00429)
14	Current Period $FAR_{PRIM} = FAR \times VAF_{PRIM}$		(0.00449)
15	Current Period $FAR_{SEC} = FAR \times VAF_{SEC}$		(0.00457)
16	$VAF_{PRIM} = 1.0464$		1.0464
17	$VAF_{SEC} = 1.0657$		1.0657

DATE OF ISSUE September 30, 2016DATE EFFECTIVE December 1, 2016

ISSUED BY Kelly S. Walters, Vice President, Joplin, MO.