

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

In the Matter of the Sixth Prudence Review)
of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved)
Fuel Adjustment Clause of The Empire District)
Electric Company)
File No. EO-2017-0065

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ACKNOWLEDGING AUTOMATIC PARTIES, AND
ESTABLISHING DEADLINES FOR INTERVENTION AND FOR REQUESTING A
HEARING**

Issue Date: September 7, 2016

Effective Date: September 7, 2016

On September 6, 2016, the Commission’s Staff filed notice that on September 1, 2016, it started its prudence audit of the fuel adjustment clause established for The Empire District Electric Company for the period March 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.090(7)(B) requires Staff to file notice regarding the commencement of an audit. That rule also requires Staff to file its recommendation regarding the audit no later than 180 days after it initiates the audit. Pursuant to the same rule, other parties to the case have 190 days after initiation of the audit to request a hearing.

The Commission will give notice of the commencement of Staff’s audit to potentially interested entities and will set a date for the filing of applications to intervene. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.161(10) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established the fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to this prudence audit case. The Commission acknowledges the parties to ER-2016-0023 as parties to this case without the need to apply to intervene. The Data Center shall add these parties to the service list.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Data Center shall add the parties from File Number ER-2016-0023 to the certified service list for this file.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice to each of the parties in The Empire District Electric Company's most recent rate case, File Number ER-2016-0023.

3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than October 11, 2016. Such applications shall be filed by delivery to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information system.

4. Staff shall file its recommendation no later than February 28, 2017.
5. Any request for a hearing shall be filed no later than March 10, 2017.
6. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of September, 2017.