

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

In the Matter of The Empire	)	
District Electric Company's Request	)	<b><u>File No. ER-2016-0023</u></b>
For Authority to Implement a General	)	Tracking No.: YE-2017-0120
Rate Increase for Electric Service	)	

**ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION OF TARIFF SHEETS**

Issue Date: April 28, 2017

Effective Date: April 28, 2017

On December 2, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed tariff sheets revising its Demand Side Management program, as directed by the Commission's *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement* ("Order") in Empire's general rate case. The Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") submitted a response objecting to the tariff sheets. OPC stated that the tariff sheets do not comply with the terms of the Commission- approved stipulation and agreement that directed Empire and the Demand Side Management Group to investigate Pay As You Save ("PAYS") Financing and the feasibility of administering PAYS Financing. Empire disagreed with OPC's position.

The Commission suspended the tariff sheets until May 1, 2017. The Commission will further suspend the tariff sheets and schedule a status conference.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The tariff sheets filed by The Empire District Electric Company on December 2, 2016, and assigned Tracking No. YE-2017-0120, are further suspended until July 1, 2017, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. A status conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison

Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 310. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If additional accommodations are needed to participate in this pre-hearing conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. Empire and OPC shall appear at the status conference. All other parties may choose to attend, but are not required to appear.

4. This order shall become effective when issued.



## **THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.