

**THE STATE OF KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before the Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of)
The Empire District Electric Company)
For Approval of its Annual Energy Cost) Docket No. 19-EPDE-216-ACA
Adjustment (“ACA”) Filing)

SUSPENSION ORDER: JULY 31, 2019

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On December 3, 2018, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of its Annual Energy Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing.¹

II. SUSPENSION ORDER

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

¹ The Empire District Electric Company Application for Approval of its Annual Energy Cost Adjustment. (Dec. 3, 2018) (Application).

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the Application should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for a full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, Monday, December 3, 2018, until Wednesday, July 31, 2019, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c). A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until Wednesday, July 31, 2019. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established in K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).²

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 12/20/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of electronic service on 12/20/2018.

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