

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company for Approval of its Asbury)
Environmental and Riverton Cost Recovery (AERR)) Docket No. 17-EPDE-280-TAR
Rider to Replace the Existing Asbury Environmental)
Cost Recovery (AECR) Rider)

ORDER ADOPTING STAFF'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) on the Application of The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) for approval of its Asbury Environmental and Riverton Cost Recovery (AERR) rider. After review of the pleadings, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions.

1. On January 6, 2017, Empire filed an Application for approval of its AERR rider, which will replace the current Asbury Environmental Cost Recovery (AECR) rider to include the incremental revenue requirement associated with the new Riverton 12 combined cycle natural gas unit (Riverton 12).

2. On February 2, 2017, the Commission granted intervention to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and issued a Protective and Discovery Order.

3. On June 14, 2017 after examining Empire's Application, Staff filed its Report and Recommendation (R&R), which recommended the Commission approve the AERR rider with Staff's updated revenue requirement of \$1,740,667.00, or \$0.00798 per kWh with the following conditions:

1) Empire's AERR rider is to be implemented on an interim basis, subject to refund.

- 2) The AERR rider will terminate with the rates effective date of the Commission's Order in Empire's next general rate case.
- 3) Prior to the AERR rider becoming effective, Empire shall file a revised AERR rider tariff containing Staffs recommended changes, as attached to the R&R.
- 4) The Customer notice as attached to the R&R and agreed to by Empire and CURB shall be sent to each of Empire's Kansas customers. Empire filed an Affidavit of Mailing of the customer notice in this docket on May 23, 2017. The Notice of Public Comments was filed on June 23, 2017, attaching the seven (7) comments received in this docket.

The average Kansas residential customer's bill will increase by \$4.89 per month or a total AERR surcharge of \$8.41 per month.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

(A) The Commission approves Empire's AERR rider, with Staff's updated revenue requirement, of \$1,740,667.00, or \$0.00798 per kWh. The average Kansas residential customer's bill will increase by \$4.89 per month or a total AERR surcharge of \$8.41 per month.

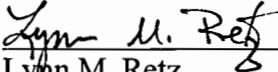
(B) The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

(C) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary and proper.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: JUN 29 2017



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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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

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