



April 1, 2009

Ms. Colleen Dale
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: The Empire District Electric Company

Dear Ms. Dale:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), I am herewith submitting to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), for filing in electronic form, proposed rate schedules to adjust charges related to the Company’s approved Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”). The proposed rate schedules bear an issue date of April 1, 2009, and an effective date of June 1, 2009.

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued
4	17c	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	1 st Revised	Original	August 8, 2008

Since the conclusion of Case No. ER-2008-0093, wherein the Commission approved Empire’s Missouri FAC, Empire’s overall fuel and purchased power costs have increased by approximately \$2.4 million; however, in accordance with the terms of Empire’s approved FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to recover from the Missouri customers only 95 percent of the Missouri related cost increases, or approximately \$1.9 million.

As explained in the direct testimony and supporting schedules of W. Scott Keith, Empire’s Director of Planning and Regulatory, which is being filed in support of the proposed rate schedules, the major factors that have caused the proposed increases in FAC-related charges include higher coal and freight costs and reduced availability of the Iatan 1 generating facility. However, these increases were partially offset by lower gas generation costs, spot market purchases at lower costs, and higher than anticipated off-system sales margins.

Also provided in electronic form are schedules containing all of the information required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(7) and all workpapers that support the proposed rate schedules.

Copies of Empire's proposed FAC-related rate schedules and all supporting materials described in this letter will be served electronically, this date, on the Commission's General Counsel, the Office of the Public Counsel, and on each party to the Company's last general rate case.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see to it that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to Empire's filing are furnished to W. Scott Keith, Director of Planning and Regulatory, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, Missouri 64802, skeith@empiredistrict.com and to L. Russell Mitten, Brydon, Swearingen & England P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 665102-0456.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly S. Walters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly S. Walters

cc: Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
All Parties to Case No. ER-2008-0093