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September 30, 2011

Mr. Steve Reed
Secretary/General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: The Empire District Electric Company (Case No. ER-2012-_____)

Dear Mr. Reed:

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 October 1, 2011, and an effective date of December 1, 2011, and the following heading:

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued.
4	17k	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	1 st Revised	Original	October 1, 2011

During the most recent Accumulation Period (March 1, 2011, through August 31, 2011) Empire's Missouri jurisdictional fuel and purchased power costs have increased by approximately \$8.7 million; therefore, in accordance with the terms of Empire's approved FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to recover from the Missouri customers 95 percent of that cost increase, or approximately \$8.3 million. When approximately \$268,000 of interest and under-recovered energy costs from the Recovery Period ending May 31, 2011 are added, the proposed FAC-related rate schedules are designed to recover a total of approximately \$8.5 million from the Company's Missouri retail customers.

As explained in the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Todd W. Tarter, Empire's Manager of Strategic Planning, which is being filed, in both HC and NP versions in support of the proposed rate schedules, the major factors responsible for the increases in

Empire's fuel and purchased power costs were the abnormally warm weather during June, July, and August 2011, limitations on the coal-fired Iatan generating units due to flooding and Iatan 2 construction accounting through June 14, 2011.

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 Todd W. Tarter, Manager of Strategic Planning , The Empire District Electric Company, 602 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, Missouri 64802, ttarter@empiredistrict.com and to L. Russell Mitten, Brydon, Swearengen & England P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 665102-0456.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND PC

By:


L. Russell Mitten

cc: Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
All Parties to Case No. ER-2010-0130