EXHIBIT 1

EMPIRE IEC TARIFF
CASE NO. ER-2004-0570

STATE OF MISSOURI, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

For _____ALL TERRITORY_____

No supplement to this tariff will be issued except
for the purpose of cancelling this tariff.

P.S.C. Mo. No. _____5_____

Sec. __4__ __4th__ Revised   Sheet No. _____17_____
Cancelling P.S.C. Mo. No. _____5_____

Sec. __4__ __3rd__ Revised   Sheet No. _____17_____
Which was issued   __9-26-01__

INTERIM ENERGY CHARGE RIDER
RIDER IEC

APPLICATION:

This Interim Energy Charge Rider (IEC) is applicable to all electric service billed under any electric rate schedule, metered or unmetered, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) as reflected separately on each rate schedule. The revenue from this rider will be collected on an interim and subject to true-up and refund basis under the terms ordered in Case ER-2004-0570.

RATE:

In addition to the charges which Empire makes for electric service set forth in its approved and effective rate schedules, the following amount will be added.

Per kWh... .00213

The reduction to schedules PL and SPL, due to this Rider IEC, will be calculated using assumed kWh usage for the various lamp sizes.

CONDITIONS:

This interim rider shall be in effect from March 27, 2005 through March 26, 2008. After the IEC has been in effect for two (2) years, if the amount held subject to refund at that time exceeds $10 million, Empire shall refund to its customers the amount in excess of $10 million with interest. The interest rate shall be the prime rate of interest on the day the IEC has been in effect for two (2) years as shown in the Wall Street Journal.

Upon expiration of the IEC, an audit will be performed and the Commission will determine if all or a portion of the revenue collected by Empire pursuant to the IEC shall be refunded. Methods of determination of refunds due and refunds paid are shown in Case No. ER-2004-0570

Such refunds, if any shall be based upon the billing units of the customer to which these amounts were applied. Any refund will appear as a one-time credit on the customer's bill unless paid by check.