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April 1, 2010

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

Re: The Empire District Electric Company

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 April 1, 2010, and an effective date of June 1, 2010, and the following heading:

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued.
4	17c	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	3rd Revised	2nd Revised	October 1, 2009

During the most recent Accumulation Period (September 1, 2009, to February 28, 2010), Empire's Missouri jurisdictional fuel and purchased power costs have increased by approximately \$3.2 million; therefore, in accordance with the terms of Empire's approved FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to recover from Missouri customers 95 percent of that cost increase, or approximately \$3.1 million. When approximately \$339,000 of interest and under-recovered energy costs from the Recovery Period ending November 30, 2009, are added, the proposed FAC-related rate schedules are designed to recover a total of approximately \$3.48 million from the Company's Missouri retail customers.

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 factor responsible for the increases in Empire's fuel and purchased power costs was the abnormally cold weather conditions during the winter of 2009-2010, which caused higher than expected natural gas usage at Empire's power plants.

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.

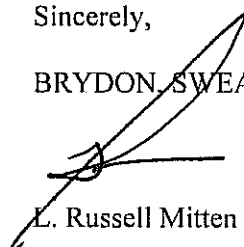
Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see to it that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to Empire's filing are furnished to W. Scott Keith, Director of Planning and Regulatory, The Empire District Electric 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 65102-0456, rmitten@brydonlaw.com.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Russell Mitten", written over a horizontal line.

L. Russell Mitten

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