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Chief RLJ Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary  
Secretary/General Counsel  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

***RE: The Empire District Electric Company***

Dear Judge Woodruff:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), hereby submits 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 & Purchase Power Adjustment Clause (“FAC”). The proposed rate schedules bear an issue date of April 2, 2018, and an effective date of June 1, 2018, and include the following heading:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Canceling</u>	<u>Issued.</u>
4	17ac	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	4th Revised	3rd Revised	April 2, 2018

During the most recent Accumulation Period (September 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018) Empire’s Missouri jurisdictional energy costs eligible for the FAC were greater than the base amount established in rates by approximately \$15.53 million. The reasons for these greater costs are explained in the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Jill M. Schwartz, Empire’s Sr. Manager of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, which is being filed in support of the proposed rate schedules. Therefore, in accordance with the terms of Empire’s approved FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to bill the Missouri retail customers ninety-five percent of that cost increase, or approximately \$14.76 million.

In a separate filing, Empire is seeking to collect a true-up amount recovered through its approved FAC for the Recovery Period ending November 30, 2017. As explained in that filing, Empire under-collected eligible fuel and purchased power costs during that Recovery Period. Consequently, when a net under-collected amount of approximately \$1.08 million, including interest, is added to the increased costs related to the Accumulation Period ending February 28,

2018, the proposed FAC-related rate schedules are designed to recover a total of approximately \$15.75 million to the Company's Missouri retail customers.

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.

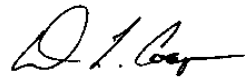
Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see to it that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to Empire's filing are furnished to Jill M. Schwartz, Sr. Manager of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, Missouri 64802, [Jill.Schwartz@libertyutilities.com](mailto:Jill.Schwartz@libertyutilities.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:



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cc: Office of the General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel