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April 1, 2016

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: The Empire District Electric Company

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “the Company”) hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), for electronic filing, 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 1, 2016, and an effective date of June 1, 2016, and include the following heading:

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued.
4	17t	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	2 nd Revised	1 st Revised	April 1, 2016

During the most recent Accumulation Period (September 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016) Empire’s Missouri jurisdictional energy costs eligible for the FAC were lower than the base amount established in rates by approximately \$4.26 million. The reasons for these lower costs are explained in the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Todd W. Tarter, Empire’s Manager of Strategic Planning, which is being filed in support of the proposed rate schedules. In accordance with the terms of Empire’s approved FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to refund to Missouri retail customers ninety-five percent of that cost decrease, or approximately \$4.04 million.

In a separate filing, Empire is seeking to refund a portion of the true-up amount recovered through the Company’s approved FAC for the Recovery Period ending November 30, 2015. As explained in that filing, Empire over-collected eligible fuel and purchased power costs during that Recovery Period. When the net over-collected amount of approximately \$244 thousand,

including interest, is added to the decreased costs related to the Accumulation Period ending February 29, 2016, the proposed FAC-related rate schedules are designed to refund a total of approximately \$4.29 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:

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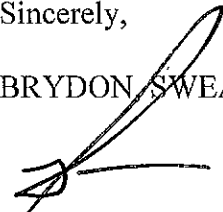
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BRYDON SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND PC

By:


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