



November 21, 2005

Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
Attn: Data Center
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase Request
Tariff Filing to Establish Formal Rate Case Docket
MO PSC Work I.D. No. QW-2005-0012

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and three copies of revised tariff sheets that include rate and language changes reflected in an Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Rate Increase Request (Disposition Agreement) between the Empire District Electric Company-Water (Company) and the Commission Staff (Staff) regarding the above-referenced small company rate increase request. The Company submitted the referenced rate increase request on June 24, 2005 under the provisions of the Commission's small company rate increase procedure, and the request was assigned the above-referenced tracking number.

Since the above-referenced Disposition Agreement is only between the Company and Staff, the enclosed tariff sheets bear an effective date that is more than 45 days from the issue date, as is required by the small company rate increase procedure. As is also required by the small company rate increase procedure, the Company will be sending a notice to its customers regarding the terms of the Disposition Agreement and will provide a copy of that notice to you for placement in the case file when it is mailed to the customers. Additionally, please be advised that it is my understanding that the Staff will be filing the Disposition Agreement with the Commission, once a formal rate case has been established pursuant to this tariff filing.

Consistent with the above-referenced Disposition Agreement, the enclosed revised tariff sheets contain customer rates that are intended to produce an increase of \$469,138 in the Company's annual water system operating revenues, and also contain all other provisions necessary to implement the terms of the Disposition Agreement.

Please contact me at your convenience if you need anything further regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Gibson", is written over a horizontal line.

David W. Gibson
Vice President-Regulatory & General Services

Enclosures

Copies (w/enclosures):

Jim Russo – Commission Staff

Mark Wheatley – Office of the Public Counsel