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September 30, 2016

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 Mr. 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 September 30, 2016, and an effective date of December 1, 2016, and include the following heading:

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued
4	17ac	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	1 st Revised	Original	August 15, 2016

During the most recent Accumulation Period (March 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016), Empire's Missouri jurisdictional energy costs eligible for the FAC were lower than the base amount established in rates by approximately \$9.37 million. The reasons for these lower costs are explained in the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Joshua T. Eckerman, Empire's Planning and Fuel Analyst, 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 refund the Missouri retail customers 95 percent of that cost decrease, or approximately \$8.9 million.

In a separate filing, Empire is seeking to refund a true-up amount recovered through its approved FAC for the Recovery Period ending May 31, 2016. As explained in that filing, Empire over-collected eligible fuel and purchased power costs during that Recovery Period. Consequently, when a net over-collected amount of approximately \$554 thousand, including

interest, is added to the decreased costs related to the Accumulation Period ending August 31, 2016, the proposed FAC-related rate schedules are designed to refund a total of approximately \$9.46 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.

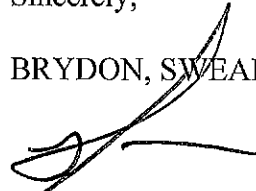
Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see to it that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to Empire's filing are furnished to Joshua T. Eckerman, Planning and Fuel Analyst, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, Missouri 64802, jeckerman@empiredistrict.com and to L. Russell Mitten, Brydon, Swearngen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND PC

By:


L. Russell Mitten

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