

NOTICE

On February 1, 2006 The Empire District Electric Company filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("MPSC"), which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by approximately 9.63 percent. For a residential customer using 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$11.11 each month.

Also, the Company has asked the MPSC to authorize the implementation of an energy cost recovery mechanism ("ECR") allowing the Company to recover fuel and energy costs. The test year fuel costs will be included in the base rates. Any increase or decrease in fuel costs from the test year level will be passed on to customers through a monthly bill adjustment. This adjustment will be identified on the bills as a line item titled "Energy Cost Recovery". A customer's total kWh for the month will be multiplied by the ECR factor and added to the total bill.

Local public hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- 1) XXX
- 2) XXX

Evidentiary hearings have been set before the PSC as follows: XXX through XXX. The evidentiary hearings will be held in XXX, Jefferson City, Missouri

If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857.

The buildings where the hearings will be held meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.