

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority
To File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri
Service Area of the Company.

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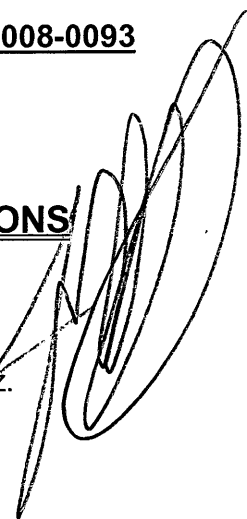
Case No. ER-2008-0093

NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Issue Date: April 14, 2008 .

On April 14, 2008, I received the attached letter from John Schatz.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of April, 2008.
Davis, Chairman

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to John Schatz, is written over the right side of the document, partially overlapping the 'NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS' section.



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April 1, 2008

John Schatz
218 NE Pine Street
Billings, MO 65610


Dear John Schatz:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the proposed electric rate increase for Empire District Electric Company. The letter you received from Empire described the increase that Empire wants, not necessarily what it will get. The Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) must approve any increase for Empire. My office, as well as the PSC Staff and other interested parties, are now auditing and examining Empire's request to determine whether Empire deserves an increase, and if so, how much.

This process is ongoing, and Empire is not allowed to raise your rates until it is complete. Unless there is an agreement among the parties to allow Empire a smaller increase, there will be a hearing in Jefferson City this May. The PSC will make its decision on any increase sometime after that hearing, probably in July.

Thank you for taking the time to let me know your opinion about the rate increase that Empire has requested. I will make sure that the PSC knows about your concerns. I will do my best to convince the PSC to not approve an increase, or if an increase is absolutely essential, to limit that increase to only the amount necessary to allow Empire to provide safe and adequate service. *and elements less*

Sincerely,


Lewis R. Mills
Public Counsel

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1. EDE has been most kind with Mr. Gipson furnishing me with my personal rate increase. Good.
2. I believe that you are not holding public meetings at a reasonable geographic location of convenience to the geographic location of EDE customers. EXPLAIN your or my mistake.
3. EMAIL and USPS concerns are good, but crying people on site are not disregarded by the PSC. *John V. Schatz*

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Have you we heard of the Joplin and
KS^{PSC} meetings. Are these geographically
equitable to EDE customers or ~~for~~ ^{are} they PSC
ment and EDE-weighted meeting sites?

A. Joplin