



March 19, 2012

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

RE: Notice of Intended Case Filing

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") is submitting this Notice of Intended Case Filing for Empire's water segment and respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri, 64802. Empire provides water service to approximately 4,500 customers in three towns in southwest Missouri. Empire also provides electric service in parts of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, as well as gas service to customers in Missouri.
2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2), provides, in part, as follows:
Any regulated entity that intends to file a case likely to be a contested case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission.
3. It is Empire's intent to initiate a small utility rate case proceeding seeking an increase in its water rates by the end of May, 2012. Empire does not have sufficient information to know whether or not a contested case is likely to result from the application or, if it does, what issues are likely to be before the Commission. However, in an abundance of caution, Empire is filing this Notice of Intended Case Filing in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2).

Respectfully Submitted,

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