

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY
MISSOURI

Statement of Missouri Revenue Increase Request

The aggregate amount of annual revenue, from Missouri electric customers, which would result from the application of the proposed rates in this case, would be \$34,725,203 more than the annual revenue under existing rates. This would represent a 10.11% increase in the State of Missouri jurisdictional revenues.

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**Section B
Schedule 2**

Missouri Counties and Communities Affected

Barry County Butterfield Purdy	Jasper County(cont.) Asbury Avilla Brooklyn Heights Carl Junction Carterville Duneweg Duquesne Fidelity Jasper Joplin LaRussell Neck City Oronogo Purcell Reeds Sarcoxie Waco Webb City	Newton County(cont.) Fort Crowder * Granby Leawood Loma Linda Neosho Newtonia Redings Mill Ritchey Saginaw Seneca Shoal Creek Drive Shoal Creek Estates Silver Creek Stark City Stella Wentworth
Barton County Golden City Kenoma *		
Cedar County Caplinger Mills * Stockton		
Christian County Billings Clever Fremont Hills Ozark Sparta		
Dade County Arcola Everton Greenfield South Greenfield	Lawrence County Aurora Freistatt Halltown Hoberg Marionville Miller Phelps * Pierce City Stotts City Verona	Polk County Aldrich Bolivar Brighton* Dunnegan* Fair Play Flemington Halfway Humansville Morrisville Pleasant Hope
Dallas County Buffalo Louisburg Urbana		
Greene County Ash Grove Bois D'Arc * Fair Grove Republic Strafford Walnut Grove Willard	McDonald County Anderson Ginger Blue Goodman Lanagan Noel Pineville Southwest City	St Clair County Collins Gerster Vista
Hickory County Cross Timbers Hermitage Preston Weaubleau Wheatland	Newton County Cliff Village Dennis Acres Diamond Fairview	Stone County Branson West Galena Hurley Reeds Spring
Jasper County Airport Drive Alba		Taney County Branson Forsyth Forsyth Sub* Hollister Mount Branson* Powersite *

* Not Incorporated

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Number of Customers Affected by Rate Classification

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RESIDENTIAL		
Schedule PL *	212	
Schedule RG	122,685	
		122,897
COMMERCIAL		
Schedule CB	16,179	
Schedule GP	1,329	
Schedule LP	10	
Schedule LS	56	
Schedule PL *	192	
Schedule RG	2	
Schedule SH	2,964	
Schedule TEB	858	
		21,590
INDUSTRIAL		
Schedule CB	58	
Schedule GP	169	
Schedule LP	28	
Schedule PFM	7	
Schedule SC-P	1	
Schedule SH	10	
Schedule TEB	10	
		284
STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING		
Schedule CB	262	
Schedule GP	1	
Schedule LS	97	
Schedule MS	7	
Schedule SPL	5	
		372
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES		
Schedule CB	1,016	
Schedule GP	140	
Schedule LS	1	
Schedule RG	3	
Schedule SH	35	
Schedule TEB	9	
		1,204
INTERDEPARTMENTAL		
Schedule CB	7	
Schedule GP	6	
		13
TOTAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS		146,360

* approximately 12,000 lighting customers are also counted as primary accounts.

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Average Monthly Increase

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Schedule 4
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	<u>Average Increase</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
RESIDENTIAL		
Schedule PL	**	10.6482%
Schedule RG	10.67	10.6482%
COMMERCIAL		
Schedule CB	16.47	10.6482%
Schedule GP	264.23	10.6482%
Schedule LP	6,543.49	10.6482%
Schedule LS	6.74	10.6482%
Schedule MS	4.47	10.6482%
Schedule PL	**	10.6482%
Schedule RG	-	10.6482%
Schedule SH	24.82	10.6482%
Schedule TEB	267.60	10.6482%
INDUSTRIAL		
Schedule CB	20.93	10.6482%
Schedule GP	935.12	10.6482%
Schedule LP	10,764.45	10.6482%
Schedule PFM	87.15	10.6482%
Schedule PL	**	10.6482%
Schedule SC-P	21,900.58	10.6482%
Schedule SH	30.59	10.6482%
Schedule TEB	488.03	10.6482%
STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING		
Schedule CB	7.46	10.6482%
Schedule GP	149.73	10.6482%
Schedule LS	9.84	10.6482%
Schedule MS *	82.53	10.6482%
Schedule PL	**	10.6482%
Schedule SPL	**	10.6482%
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES		
Schedule CB	15.33	10.6482%
Schedule GP	259.77	10.6482%
Schedule LS	28.62	10.6482%
Schedule PL	**	10.6482%
Schedule RG	7.62	10.6482%
Schedule SH	22.27	10.6482%
Schedule TEB	355.30	10.6482%
INTERDEPARTMENTAL		
Schedule CB	29.04	10.6482%
Schedule GP	109.91	10.6482%
Schedule PL	**	10.6482%

* 52 traffic signals, 2 customers

** Rates according to lamp size and # of lamps per customers

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Allocation of Increase

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	<u>Increase</u>		<u>Increase %</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
RESIDENTIAL	150,552		10.6482%	
Schedule PL	15,713,070		10.6482%	
Schedule RG		15,863,623		10.6482%
COMMERCIAL				
Schedule CB	3,198,132		10.6482%	
Schedule GP	4,213,544		10.6482%	
Schedule LP	768,441		10.6482%	
Schedule LS	4,553		10.6482%	
Schedule MS	54		10.6482%	
Schedule PL	236,845		10.6482%	
Schedule RG	-		10.6482%	
Schedule SH	882,775		10.6482%	
Schedule TEB	2,755,707		10.6482%	
		12,060,050		10.6482%
INDUSTRIAL				
Schedule CB	14,585		10.6482%	
Schedule GP	1,901,521		10.6482%	
Schedule LP	3,665,984		10.6482%	
Schedule PFM	7,320		10.6482%	
Schedule PL	7,145		10.6482%	
Schedule SC-P	262,807		10.6482%	
Schedule SH	3,675		10.6482%	
Schedule TEB	58,642		10.6482%	
		5,921,679		10.6482%
STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING				
Schedule CB	23,490		10.6482%	
Schedule GP	1,781		10.6482%	
Schedule LS	11,429		10.6482%	
Schedule MS	6,933		10.6482%	
Schedule PL	1,984		10.6482%	
Schedule SPL	152,675		10.6482%	
		198,291		10.6482%
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES				
Schedule CB	186,948		10.6482%	
Schedule GP	435,565		10.6482%	
Schedule LS	339		10.6482%	
Schedule PL	328		10.6482%	
Schedule RG	275		10.6482%	
Schedule SH	9,366		10.6482%	
Schedule TEB	38,424		10.6482%	
		671,244		10.6482%
INTERDEPARTMENTAL				
Schedule CB	2,443		10.6482%	
Schedule GP	7,842		10.6482%	
Schedule PL	30		10.6482%	
		10,316		10.6482%
TOTAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS		34,725,203		10.6482%



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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES FOR NEW MISSOURI ELECTRIC RATES

JOPLIN, MO – October 1, 2007 – The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) announced today that it has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) for changes in rates for its Missouri electric customers. The Company is seeking an annual increase in revenues of approximately \$34.7 million or 10.11 percent. If approved, a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity would experience a monthly increase of approximately \$9.75.

In making the announcement, Bill Gipson, President and CEO, stated, “We serve an area that continues to experience strong customer and demand growth. We are seeking rate relief largely to recover the capital additions necessary to ensure a safe, reliable, and adequate supply of energy for this growing region.”

Totaling more than \$135 million, those additions include the new 150-megawatt generating unit at the Riverton Power Plant, the construction of a selective catalytic reduction system at the Asbury Power Plant, and significant reconstruction work during the catastrophic ice storm in January.

With this case, Empire is also requesting to implement a fuel adjustment clause (FAC).

Gipson states, “Continued volatility in fuel and purchased energy costs have compelled us to seek implementation of a fuel adjustment clause. We believe employing an FAC achieves an equitable

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balance, ensuring financial stability for the Company while providing more timely savings to customers in the event fuel and energy costs decrease.”

After today’s filing with the MPSC, an extensive audit of Empire’s operations, a public hearing, and an evidentiary hearing will be held. The Company anticipates that any new rates approved would not become effective until the fall of 2008.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE: EDE) is an investor-owned, regulated utility providing electricity, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 215,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the Company also provides fiber optic services.

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Summary Explanation of Why Rate Relief is Needed

Rate Relief is needed due to the following:

- To include new production plant in rate base.
- To recover the reconstruction cost and expenses related to the January 2007 ice storm.
- To recover the increased cost of fuel and energy.
- To propose the implementation of a Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”) to offset the risk of fuel cost increases.
- Various other operating cost changes, including vegetation management.