

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 \$29,513,713 more than the annual revenue under existing rates. This would represent an 9.63% 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 Nixa 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		St Clair County Collins Gerster Vista
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	Stone County Branson West Galena Hurley Reeds Spring
Hickory County Cross Timbers Hermitage Preston Weaubleau Wheatland	Newton County Cliff Village Dennis Acres Diamond Fairview	Taney County Branson Forsyth Forsyth Sub* Hollister Mount Branson* Powersite *
Jasper County Airport Drive Alba		

* Not Incorporated

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Number of Customers Affected by Rate Classification
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RESIDENTIAL		
Schedule PL	228	*
Schedule RG	118,515	
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL		118,742
COMMERCIAL		
Schedule PL	225	*
Schedule CB	15,997	
Schedule SH	2,688	
Schedule LS	63	
Schedule TEB	809	
Schedule GP	1,236	
Schedule LP	10	
Schedule MS	6	
TOTAL COMMERCIAL		21,034
INDUSTRIAL		
Schedule CB	60	
Schedule SH	10	
Schedule TEB	11	
Schedule PFM	8	
Schedule PF	0	
Schedule GP	178	
Schedule LP	27	
Schedule SC-P	1	
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL		295
STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING		
Schedule SPL	7	
Schedule CB	243	
Schedule GP	1	
Schedule MS	2	*
Schedule LS	95	
TOTAL STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING		348
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES		
Schedule CB	957	
Schedule TEB	6	
Schedule GP	132	
Schedule LS	1	
Schedule SH	34	
TOTAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES		1,130
INTERDEPARTMENTAL		
Schedule CB	5	
Schedule GP	6	
TOTAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL		11
TOTAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS		141,561

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

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Schedule 4

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Average Monthly Increase

	<u>Average Increase</u>	<u>Percent Increase (1)</u>
RESIDENTIAL		
Schedule PL	**	10.6157
Schedule RG	9.49	10.6157
COMMERCIAL		
Schedule PL	**	10.6157
Schedule CB	14.69	10.6157
Schedule SH	21.34	10.6157
Schedule LS	8.00	10.6157
Schedule TEB	232.20	10.6157
Schedule GP	233.92	10.6157
Schedule LP	5,142.74	10.6157
Schedule MS	9.61	10.6157
INDUSTRIAL		
Schedule CB	22.27	10.6157
Schedule SH	24.89	10.6157
Schedule PL	**	10.6157
Schedule TEB	336.31	10.6157
Schedule PFM	76.01	10.6157
Schedule GP	759.28	10.6157
Schedule LP	9,737.24	10.6157
Schedule SCP-P	18,498.25	10.6157
STREET LIGHTING		
Schedule SPL	**	10.6157
Schedule CB	5.46	10.6157
Schedule GP	161.74	10.6157
Schedule MS	* 222.04	10.6157
Schedule PL	**	10.6157
Schedule LS	7.75	10.6157
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES		
Schedule CB	12.90	10.6157
Schedule PL	**	10.6157
Schedule TEB	313.75	10.6157
Schedule GP	235.79	10.6157
Schedule SH	23.57	10.6157
Schedule LS	15.23	10.6157
INTERDEPARTMENTAL		
Schedule CB	32.00	10.6157
Schedule GP	118.78	10.6157
Schedule PL	**	10.6157

(1) The percent increase presented is the net increase requested. The IEC is currently fuel revenue but is considered base revenue in the calculation of the percentage increase. Excluding IEC, the rate revenue increase would be 13.698%.

52 traffic signals, 2 customers.

rates according to lamp size and # of lamps per customer

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Schedule 5

	Increase	% Increase	% Increase
Schedule PL	137,731	10.6157	
Schedule RG	13,500,232	10.6157	
Total Residential	13,637,963		10.6157
Schedule PL	215,245	10.6157	
Schedule CB	2,820,264	10.6157	
Schedule SH	688,326	10.6157	
Schedule LS	6,048	10.6157	
Schedule TEB	2,254,166	10.6157	
Schedule GP	3,469,458	10.6157	
Schedule LP	617,129	10.6157	
Schedule MS	692	10.6157	
Total Commercial	10,071,329		10.6157
Schedule CB	16,038	10.6157	
Schedule SH	2,987	10.6157	
Schedule PL	5,439	10.6157	
Schedule TEB	44,392	10.6157	
Schedule PFM	7,297	10.6157	
Schedule GP	1,621,830	10.6157	
Schedule LP	3,154,867	10.6157	
Schedule SCP-P	221,979	10.6157	
Total Industrial	5,074,828	10.6157	10.6157
Schedule SPL	131,744	10.6157	
Schedule CB	15,920	10.6157	
Schedule GP	1,941	10.6157	
Schedule MS	5,329	10.6157	
Schedule PL	1,139	10.6157	
Schedule LS	8,837	10.6157	
Total Street & Highway Lighting	164,910		10.6157
Schedule CB	148,161	10.6157	
Schedule PL	135	10.6157	
Schedule TEB	22,590	10.6157	
Schedule GP	373,496	10.6157	
Schedule SH	9,618	10.6157	
Schedule LS	183	10.6157	
Total Public Authorities	554,182		10.6157
Schedule CB	1,920	10.6157	
Schedule PL	27	10.6157	
Schedule GP	8,552	10.6157	
Total Interdepartmental	10,499		10.6157
TOTAL RETAIL	29,513,713		



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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES FOR NEW MISSOURI ELECTRIC RATES

JOPLIN, MO – February 1, 2006 – 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 \$29.5 million or 9.63 percent. If approved, a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity would experience a monthly increase of approximately \$11.11.

With this case, Empire is also asking to initiate an energy cost recovery mechanism (ECR), which will allow the Company to recover actual fuel and energy costs. Any increase or decrease in fuel or energy costs from the test year level will be recovered through a monthly adjustment to the customer's bill. Under the current method of recovery, base rates include the historical (not actual) cost of fuel, and the customer pays this rate until another rate case is completed. With the ECR, customers would pay only the actual cost of fuel and energy. They would benefit immediately when prices for fuel drop.

In making the announcement, Bill Gipson, President and CEO, stated, "We are seeking these changes in our Missouri rates primarily to allow us to recover our actual fuel and purchased power costs. We have encountered extremely volatile and escalating natural gas prices since

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our last rate case. The cost of energy we purchase for our customers has also been higher due to coal delivery issues in our region.”

After today's filing with the MPSC, an extensive audit of Empire's operations, a public hearing, and an evidentiary hearing will be held. Any new rates approved as a result of this request are not expected to be effective until late 2006 or early 2007.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) is an investor-owned utility providing electric service to approximately 157,000 customers in southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma, and northwest Arkansas. The Company also provides fiber optic and Internet services, customer information software services, and has an investment in close-tolerance, custom manufacturing. Empire provides water service in three incorporated communities in Missouri.

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Certain matters discussed in this press release are “forward-looking statements” intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements address future plans, objectives, expectations, and events or conditions concerning various matters. Actual results in each case could differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements, by reason of the factors noted in our filings with the SEC, including the most recent Form 10-K.

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Summary Explanation of Why Rate Relief is Needed

Rate Relief is needed due to the following:

- Cost of natural gas and Purchased Power has increased substantially.
- To propose fuel cost relief in the form of a fuel adjustment mechanism to offset risk of fuel cost increases.
- Various operating and maintenance expenses have increased.