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October 29, 2009

Mr. Steven Reed  
Secretary/General Counsel  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: The Empire District Electric Company**

Dear Mr. Reed:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), I am providing herewith to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for filing, in electronic form, certain tariff sheets consisting of revised rate schedules which are designed to increase Empire's gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$68,171,501 or 19.6% increase, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes. The rate schedules bear a date of issue of October 29, 2009 and an effective date of November 28, 2009.

The primary drivers of this filing are the capital expenditures associated with the addition of the Iatan 1 pollution control facilities and Empire's participation in the construction and ownership of the Iatan 2 and Plum Point coal-fired generating facilities.

Also provided, in electronic form, is a letter from Kelly S. Walters which sets forth a list of the rate schedules being provided, explains in greater detail the purpose of the filing, and transmits certain information required by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B).

Also provided in electronic form in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.065(1) is the verified direct testimony and schedules of Empire witnesses Laurie A. Delano, Kelly A. Emanuel, William L. Gipson, W. Scott Keith, Jayna R. Long, Thomas S. Mackey, Sherrill L. McCormack, Samuel S. McGarrah, Blake A. Mertens (HC and NP), Mark Quan, Robert W. Sager (HC and NP), Todd W. Tarter (HC and NP), James H. Vander Weide (HC and NP) and Kelly S. Walters.

A copy of this entire filing will be provided to the Commission's Chief Staff Counsel, to the Office of the Public Counsel and to the other Signatory Parties to Case No. EO-2005-0263, the docket involving Empire's Experimental Regulatory Plan.

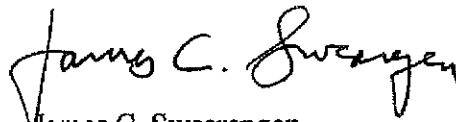
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The Signatory Parties are currently in discussions about procedures to be used in this case, including the timing of the consideration and rate recovery of Empire's investments in the three generating facilities and other expenditures.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders and other communications in connection with this matter and proceeding are furnished to Kelly S. Walters, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, MO 64802, [kwalters@empiredistrict.com](mailto:kwalters@empiredistrict.com), as well as to the undersigned.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearingen

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Enclosures

Cc: Mr. Kevin Thompson  
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