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May 15, 2002

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re:** The Empire District Electric Company - Rider CIEC

Case No. ER-2002-1074

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I enclose herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company three (3) copies of the following tariff sheet: PSC Mo. 5, Section 4, Original Sheet No. 21, entitled "Credit to Interim Energy Charge Rider, Rider CIEC." The tariff sheet bears a date of issue of May 15, 2002 and an effective date of June 14, 2002.

This tariff sheet is filed in accordance with the terms of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement Regarding "Error" in Case No. ER-2001-299 and an Immediate Reduction of the Interim Energy Charge, ("the Agreement") which was filed with the Commission on May 14, 2002 and docketed as Case No. ER-2002-1074. If the Agreement is approved by the Commission and the tariff sheet thereby implemented, the electric rates of Empire's customers will be reduced by approximately \$7 million annually.

In addition, Empire anticipates that a pleading will be filed in connection with this matter requesting that this tariff sheet become effective on the effective date of the Commission's order approving the Agreement and on less than thirty (30) days.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of this filing will be provided to the parties to the Agreement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Swearengen

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel

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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. Cancelling P.S.C. Mo. No.

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For <u>ALL TERRITORY</u>

No supplement to this tariff will be issued except for the purpose of cancelling this tariff.

Revised Sheet No. Which was issued

## CREDIT TO INTERIM ENERGY CHARGE RIDER RIDER CIEC

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#### APPLICATION:

This Credit to Interim Energy Charge Rider applies to all kwh, either metered or unmetered, which are billed under the Interim Energy Charge (IEC) Rider. The application of this credit to the existing IEC reduces the net IEC charge for Missouri jurisdictional customers.

#### RATE:

As a reduction or offset to the specific charge which Empire is authorized to make for the Interim Energy Charge set forth in the approved and effective rate schedules, the following amount will be subtracted (credited) as an offset to the IEC whenever the IEC is charged:

The reduction to schedules PL and SPL, due to this Rider CIEC, will be calculated using assumed kwh usage for the various lamp sizes.

### CONDITIONS:

This credit rider shall be in effect until September 30, 2003, unless modified or removed earlier in conjunction with a final decision in Empire's pending permanent rate case, Case No. ER-2002-424.

DATE OF ISSUE May 15, 2002
SSUED BY David W. Gibson, Vice President, Joplin, MO

DATE EFFECTIVE

June 14, 2002