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October 1, 2007

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

Re: The Empire District Electric Company

Dear Ms. Dale:

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 electric rate schedules which are designed to increase Empire's gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$34.7 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes. The rate schedules bear a date of issue of October 1, 2007, an effective date of October 31, 2007.

The major factors driving Empire's proposed rate increase are the capital additions to Empire's system including the Riverton 12 generating plant and pollution control facilities at the Asbury Power Station; the financial impact, both capital and expense, related to the January 2007 ice storm; and capital expenditures associated with Empire's participation in the construction and ownership of the Iatan II and Plum Point coal-fired generating plants. Other costs associated with providing safe and reliable electric service to Empire's customers have also increased since Empire's last rate adjustment. Empire is also requesting the implementation of a fuel adjustment clause.

Also provided, in electronic form, is a letter from Kelly S. Walters which sets forth a list of the rate schedules being provided and explains the purpose of the filing. Also included please find Empire's Minimum Filing Requirements, in electronic form, as required by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B).

In addition and in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.065(1), please find provided, in electronic form, the verified direct testimony and schedules of the following Empire witnesses:

W.L. Gipson, Michael E. Palmer, Laurie Delano, Sherrill L. McCormack, Jayna R. Long (NP), W. Scott Keith, Todd Tarter (NP), Robert W. Sager, Blake Mertens (NP), Dr. James H. Vander Weide (NP), Donald S. Roff, H. Edwin Overcast (NP) and Mark Quan.

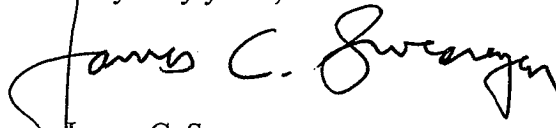
Please note that only the NP version of the testimony of Mr. Tarter, Mr. Mertens, Dr. Vander Weide, Dr. Overcast and Ms. Long and the NP schedules to Mr. Keith's and Mr. Sager's testimonies are being filed at this time. The Highly Confidential or HC version of testimonies and the HC schedules will be filed when the Commission issues its customary Protective Order. To that end, Empire is also filing with the Commission herewith its Motion for Protective Order.

A copy of this entire filing including the Motion for Protective Order will be provided to the Commission's General Counsel and to the Office of the Public Counsel.

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 Walters, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, MO 64802, kwalters@empiredistrict.com as well as to the undersigned counsel.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearengen

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Enclosures

cc: Missouri Public Service Commission General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel