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September 28, 2010

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 \$36,500,000, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes. The rate schedules bear a date of issue of September 28, 2010 and an effective date of October 28, 2010.

The primary factors driving the need for the proposed rate increase include Empire's capital expenditures associated with the addition of the Iatan 2 coal-fired generating facility and the related increase in operating expenses.

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 including that required by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B).

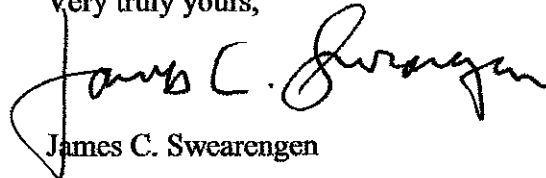
Also provided in electronic form in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.065(1) is the verified direct testimonies and schedules of Empire witnesses Laurie A. Delano, Aaron J. Doll, Kelly A. Emanuel, William L. Gipson, W. Scott Keith, Jayna R. Long, Sherrill L. McCormack, Blake A. Mertens, H. Edwin Overcast, Martin O. Penning, Robert W. Sager, Thomas J. Sullivan, Todd W. Tarter, James H. Vander Weide and Kelly S. Walters. Mr. Sullivan's testimony includes a depreciation study as required by 4 CSR 240-3.160(1)(A). The database and property unit catalogue referenced in said rule will be submitted as a part of Mr. Sullivan's work papers.

A copy of this entire filing will be provided to the Commission's Chief Staff Counsel, to the Office of the Public Counsel, to the other Signatory Parties to Case No. EO-2005-0263, the docket involving Empire's Experimental Regulatory Plan and to the parties to Empire's most recent Missouri electric rate case, Case No. ER-2010-0130.

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, as well as to the undersigned.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearingen

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