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August 29, 2014

Chief RLJ Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”)
MoPSC Case No. ER-2014-0351**

Dear Judge Woodruff:


On behalf of Empire, I am providing herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission, in electronic form, certain tariff sheets consisting of revised rate schedules designed to increase Empire’s gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$24.3 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts and sales, franchise, and occupational fees or taxes. Each rate schedule bears an issue date of August 29, 2014, and an effective date thirty days thereafter (September 28, 2014).

Also provided is a letter from Kelly Walters, setting forth the specific rate schedules being submitted and the dominant factor driving the need for this rate case, and the remaining information required by Commission Rule 3.030(3)(B). In accordance with Rule 2.065(1), also being provided in electronic form are the verified direct testimonies and schedules of Empire witnesses Brad P. Beecher, Kelly S. Walters, W. Scott Keith, Dr. James H. Vander Weide, Robert W. Sager, Joan E. Land, Aaron J. Doll, Todd W. Tarter, Brent A. Baker, Jeffrey P. Lee, Blake A. Mertens, Stephen C. Williams, and H. Edwin Overcast.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these filings.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: 
Diana C. Carter

MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

ER-2014-0351

The Empire District Electric Company

Statement of Missouri Revenue Increase Request

The amount of annual revenue, from Missouri electric customers, which would result from the application of the proposed rates in this case, would be \$24,319,353 more than the annual revenue under existing rates. This would represent an overall increase of 5.54% for Missouri jurisdictional revenues.

4 CSR-240-3.030 (3)(B)(1)

Explanation of Why Rate Relief is Needed

To recover investment in the Company's Asbury environmental retrofit; to recover increased RTO transmission fees; to recover increase in property taxes; to recover costs from new long term maintenance contract for the Company's Riverton 12 gas fired generating unit.

4 CSR-240-3.030 (3)(B)(7)

Missouri Counties and Communities Affected

Barry County	Greene County (cont.)	Lawrence County (cont.)	Newton County (cont.)
Butterfield	Walnut Grove	Halltown	Silver Creek
Purdy	Willard	Hoberg	Stark City
		Marionville	Stella
Barton County	Hickory County	Miller	Wentworth
Golden City	Cross Timbers	Phelps *	
Kenoma *	Hermitage	Pierce City	Polk County
	Preston	Stotts City	Aldrich
Cedar County	Weaubleau	Verona	Bolivar
Caplinger Mills *	Wheatland		Brighton*
Stockton		McDonald County	Dunnegan*
	Jasper County	Anderson	Fair Play
Christian County	Airport Drive	Ginger Blue	Flemington
Billings	Alba	Goodman	Halfway
Clever	Asbury	Lanagan	Humansville
Fremont Hills	Avilla	Noel	Morrisville
Ozark	Brooklyn Heights	Pineville	Pleasant Hope
Sparta	Carl Junction	Southwest City	
	Carterville		St Clair County
Dade County	Duneweg	Newton County	Collins
Arcola	Duquesne	Cliff Village	Gerster
Everton	Fidelity	Dennis Acres	Vista
Greenfield	Jasper	Diamond	
South Greenfield	Joplin	Fairview	Stone County
	LaRussell	Fort Crowder *	Branson West
Dallas County	Neck City	Granby	Galena
Buffalo	Oronogo	Leawood	Hurley
Louisburg	Purcell	Loma Linda	Reeds Spring
Urbana	Reeds	Neosho	
	Sarcoxie	Newtonia	Taney County
Greene County	Waco	Redings Mill	Branson
Ash Grove	Webb City	Ritchey	Forsyth
Bois D'Arc *		Saginaw	Forsyth Sub*
Fair Grove	Lawrence County	Seneca	Hollister
Republic	Aurora	Shoal Creek Drive	Mount Branson*
Strafford	Freistatt	Shoal Creek Estates	Powersite *

4 CSR-240-3.030 (3)(B)(2)

* Not Incorporated

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MO Rate Schedules	Avg No. of Customers	Total kWh Sales	Total Rate Revenue	Average \$ per kWh	Proposed Rate Revenue	Proposed \$ per kWh	Proposed Rate Increase	Proposed % Increase	Proposed Avg Monthly Increase per Customer	Proposed Increase per kWh
Residential - RES	125,629	1,700,248,668	\$ 200,356,205	\$ 0.1178	\$ 215,891,967	\$ 0.1270	\$ 15,535,762	7.75%	\$ 10.31	\$ 0.0091
Commercial - CB	17,630	312,439,452	\$ 41,479,537	\$ 0.1328	\$ 44,382,535	\$ 0.1421	\$ 2,902,998	7.00%	\$ 13.72	\$ 0.0093
Small Heating - SH	3,075	90,036,157	\$ 10,077,393	\$ 0.1119	\$ 10,791,306	\$ 0.1199	\$ 713,913	7.08%	\$ 19.35	\$ 0.0079
General Power -GP	1,657	849,457,342	\$ 83,057,567	\$ 0.0978	\$ 84,314,060	\$ 0.0993	\$ 1,256,493	1.51%	\$ 63.19	\$ 0.0015
Special Transmission - ST	1	59,793,049	\$ 3,319,615	\$ 0.0555	\$ 3,365,615	\$ 0.0563	\$ 46,000	1.39%	\$ 3,833.33	\$ 0.0008
Total Electric Building - TEB	924	368,399,990	\$ 36,325,029	\$ 0.0986	\$ 36,872,380	\$ 0.1001	\$ 547,351	1.51%	\$ 49.36	\$ 0.0015
Feed Mill - PFM	8	461,883	\$ 82,808	\$ 0.1793	\$ 83,998	\$ 0.1819	\$ 1,190	1.44%	\$ 12.40	\$ 0.0026
Large Power - LP	38	704,569,425	\$ 55,514,655	\$ 0.0788	\$ 58,830,300	\$ 0.0835	\$ 3,315,645	5.97%	\$ 7,271.15	\$ 0.0047
Traffic signals - MS	1	132,827	\$ 13,762	\$ 0.1036	\$ 13,762	\$ 0.1036	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Lightes - SPL	6	18,239,576	\$ 2,264,411	\$ 0.1241	\$ 2,264,411	\$ 0.1241	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Private Lighting - PL	299	13,590,522	\$ 4,345,220	\$ 0.3197	\$ 4,345,220	\$ 0.3197	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Special Lighting - LS	135	659,094	\$ 120,077	\$ 0.1822	\$ 120,077	\$ 0.1822	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	149,403	4,118,027,985	\$ 436,956,279		\$ 461,275,632		\$ 24,319,353	5.57%		



PRESS RELEASE

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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES FOR NEW MISSOURI ELECTRIC RATES

JOPLIN, MO – August 29, 2014 – The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) announced today 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 base rate revenues of approximately \$24.3 million, or about 5.5 percent. If approved by the MPSC, a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours would see a monthly increase of about \$9.87, which reflects the finding of a cost of service study.

The most significant factor driving the need for a rate increase is the cost associated with the installation of the Air Quality Control System (AQCS) at the Asbury Power Plant. Additional factors include increased operating costs, a new maintenance contract covering the Riverton 12 gas fired generating unit, the increase in Regional Transmission Organization charges and increases in property taxes.

In making the announcement, Brad Beecher, president and CEO, stated, "The AQCS we are installing at the Asbury Power Plant carries a cost of between \$112 and \$130 million and includes a scrubber, fabric filter, and powder activated carbon injection system. This will allow the plant to meet the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules on air quality, namely the Mercury Air Toxic Standards."

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Beecher continued, "Several factors did allow us to hold down the size of our request. These include savings experienced through the Southwest Power Pool Integrated Marketplace that began March 1, 2014, lower debt cost and a reduction in expenses related to vegetation management. "

The Company is also asking to continue the use of the Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC). The continuation of the FAC will allow the Company to adjust customers' bills twice each year, on June 1 and December 1, based on the varying costs of fuel used to generate electricity at the Company's generating units and electric energy the Company purchases on behalf of its customers.

After today's filing, the MPSC will perform an audit of Empire's operations, hold public hearings, and hold an evidentiary hearing.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE: EDE) is an investor-owned, regulated utility providing electric, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 217,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com.

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