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

**RE: The Empire District Electric Company  
Fuel Adjustment Clause**

Dear Judge Woodruff:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), for filing in electronic form, the following proposed rate schedule to adjust charges related to the Company’s approved Fuel & Purchase Power Adjustment Clause (“FAC”):

MoPSC No. 5, Section 4, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 17ac, Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 17ac

The proposed rate schedule bears an issue date of October 1, 2018, and an effective date of December 1, 2018.

During the most recent Accumulation Period (March-August, 2018), Empire’s actual total energy costs eligible for the FAC were lower than the base energy costs included in the Company’s Missouri rates by approximately \$55,567,055. In accordance with the Company’s Commission-approved-FAC tariff, Empire has absorbed 5% of the overall increase in Missouri variable energy costs during that six-month accumulation period. As such, in accordance with the Commission’s FAC rule and Empire’s FAC tariff, the Company is filing its FAC rate schedule which is designed to recover 95 percent of the energy cost differences of approximately \$(1,944,828) from its Missouri jurisdictional customers.

The direct testimony and supporting schedules of Leslie Forest are being filed in support of the proposed rate schedule. Also provided in electronic form are schedules containing all of the


information required by 4 CSR 240-3.161(7) and all workpapers that support the proposed rate schedule. Empire's FAC true-up testimony is being filed separately.

Copies of Empire's proposed FAC-related rate schedule and all supporting materials described in this letter will be served electronically, on this date, on the Commission's General Counsel, the Office of the Public Counsel, and on each party to the Company's last general rate case.

Please bring these filings to the attention of the Commissioners and the appropriate Commission personnel, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.**

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