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April 1, 2013

Ms. Shelley Brueggemann  
Acting Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

***RE: The Empire District Electric Company***

Dear Ms. Brueggemann:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-20.090(4), on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), I am herewith submitting to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), for filing in electronic form, proposed rate schedules to adjust charges related to the Company's approved Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). The proposed rate schedules bear an issue date of April 1, 2013, and an effective date of June 1, 2013, and the following heading:

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued.
4	17k	Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	April 1, 2013

During the most recent Accumulation Period (September 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013) Empire's Missouri jurisdictional energy costs eligible for the FAC were lower than the base amount established in rates by approximately \$1.1 million; therefore, in accordance with the terms of Empire's approved FAC, the proposed rate schedules are designed to refund to the Missouri retail customers 95 percent of that cost decrease, or approximately \$1.04 million. When approximately a net \$1.04 million of interest and over-recovered energy costs from the Recovery Period ending November 30, 2013 are considered, the proposed FAC-related rate schedules are designed to refund a total of approximately \$2.1 million to the Company's Missouri retail customers.

As explained in the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Todd W. Tarter, Empire's Manager of Strategic Planning, which is being filed in support of the proposed rate

schedules, the major factors responsible for the decrease in Empire's energy were favorable natural gas and market power prices and the mild winter of 2012-2013.

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 schedules.

Copies of Empire's proposed FAC-related rate schedules and all supporting materials described in this letter will be served electronically, 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.

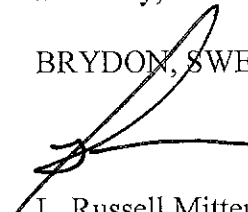
Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see to it that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to Empire's filing are furnished to Todd W. Tarter, Manager of Strategic Planning, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, Missouri 64802, [ttarter@empiredistrict.com](mailto:ttarter@empiredistrict.com) and to L. Russell Mitten, Brydon, Swearengen & England P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND PC

By:



L. Russell Mitten

cc: Office of the General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel  
All Parties of Record in Case Nos. ER-2011-0004 and ER-2012-0345