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RE: Case No. ER-2001-299

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **CORRECTION TO STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's Tariff Sheets)
Designed to Implement a General Rate)
Increase for Retail Electric Service)
Provided to Customers in the Missouri)
Service Area of the Company)

Case No. ER-2001-299

**CORRECTION TO STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED FINDINGS
OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and respectfully states:

1. On September 17, 2001, in response to a September 11, 2001 Commission Order, the Staff filed its Supplemental Proposed Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law. Page 5 thereof contains the following paragraph:

"The Company's annual dividend, D1, is \$1.28 per share. The appropriate stock price, P₀, is \$23.27. The Company's sustainable growth rate, g, is 3.505. The appropriate ROE for Empire, determined from the DCF Method equation, is therefore: $k = \$1.28/\text{yr.} / \$23.27 + 3.50\% = 8.78\%$."

2. The stated ROE of 8.78% is erroneous. Instead the ROE should be 9.00%.

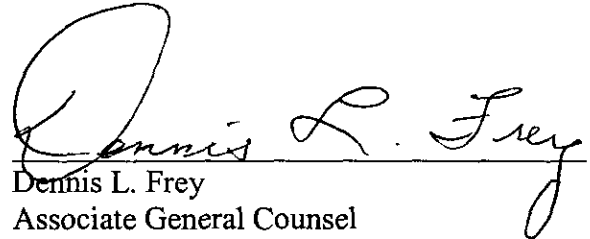
Accordingly, the subject paragraph is hereby corrected to read as follows:

"The Company's annual dividend, D1, is \$1.28 per share. The appropriate stock price, P₀, is \$23.27. The Company's sustainable growth rate, g, is 3.505. The appropriate ROE for Empire, determined from the DCF Method equation, is therefore: $k = \$1.28/\text{yr.} / \$23.27 + 3.50\% = 9.00\%$."

3. The Staff regrets and apologizes for the error.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel



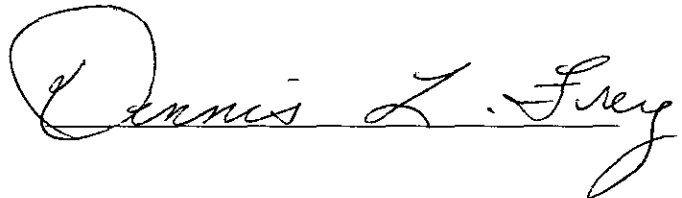
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 18th day of September 2001.



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