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November 3, 2000

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
Governor State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Missouri Public
Service Commission

HAND DELIVERED

RE: The Empire District Electric Company
Tariff filing for general rate increase

ER-2001-299

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the following:

1. In compliance with 4 CSR 240-10.070(3) and a previous conversation with the records office, an original and eight (8) copies of a transmittal letter from Myron W. McKinney which accompanies proposed revised tariff sheets effectuating a general rate increase. The cover letter also has attached to it the material required by 4 CSR 240-10.070(3)(B).

2. In compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.065(1), an original and eight (8) copies of the prepared direct testimony of the following witnesses for Empire: Myron W. McKinney, Robert B. Fancher, Virgil E. Brill, David W. Gibson, Darryl L. Coit, Greg Sweet, Gary L. Groninger, Stan M. Kaplan, L.W. Loos, Natalie Rolph, and Donald A. Murry.

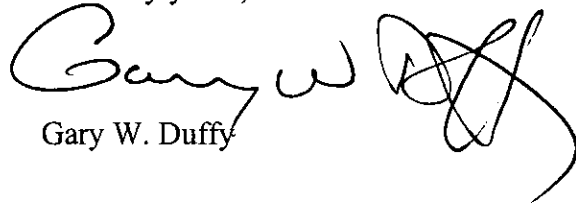
As explained in Mr. McKinney's letter, the proposed revised tariff sheets bear an issue date of November 3, 2000 and an effective date of December 3, 2000. The amount of the increase sought is \$41,467,926 or 19.36%, excluding gross receipts or sales taxes..

Two copies of this material are being hand delivered this date to the Office of the Public Counsel and the Office of the General Counsel.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary W. Duffy". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel
Office of the General Counsel