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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 (“Empire”)
MoPSC Case No. ER-2016-0023**

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 \$33.4 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts and sales, franchise, and occupational fees or taxes. Each rate schedule bears an issue date of October 16, 2015, and an effective date thirty days thereafter (November 15, 2015).

Also provided is a letter from Kelly Walters, setting forth the specific rate schedules being submitted, 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 Beecher, Bryan Owens, Tom Sullivan, Tim Wilson, W. Scott Keith, Dr. James H. Vander Weide, Todd Tarter, Robert Sager, Joan Land, Aaron Doll, Jeffrey Lee, Nate Hackney, and John Woods.

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

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By:



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