



October 16, 2015

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

**Re: The Empire District Electric Company  
 Case No. ER-2016-0023**

Dear Mr. Reed:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), I am providing herewith to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for filing, in electronic form, certain tariff sheets consisting of revised rate schedules which are designed to increase Empire’s gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$33.4 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise, or occupational fees or taxes.

The electric rate schedules being filed are all part of “Schedule of Rates for Electricity” designated P.S.C. No. 5. Said schedules are as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Schedules</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Canceling</u>	<u>Issued</u>
1	1	Residential Service Schedule RG	19th Revised	18th Revised	07/07/15
2	1	Commercial Service Schedule CB	18th Revised	17th Revised	07/07/15
2	2	Small Heating Service Schedule SH	18th Revised	17th Revised	07/07/15
2	3	General Power Service Schedule GP	18th Revised	17th Revised	07/07/15
2	4	Large Power Service Schedule LP	19th Revised	18th Revised	07/07/15
2	6	Feed Mill and Grain Elevator Service Schedule PFM	18th Revised	17th Revised	07/07/15
2	7	Total Electric Building Service Schedule TEB	18th Revised	17th Revised	07/07/15
2	9	Special Transmission Service Contract - Praxair SC-P	14th Revised	13th Revised	07/07/15
2	13	Special Transmission Service Schedule ST	13th Revised	12th Revised	07/07/15
4	8a	Promotional Practices Schedule PRO	4th Revised	3rd Revised	08/06/08
4	17h	Blank Page	2nd Revised	1st Revised	02/28/13
4	17i	Blank Page	2nd Revised	1st Revised	02/28/13
4	17j	Blank Page	2nd Revised	1st Revised	02/28/13
4	17k	Blank Page	6th Revised	5th Revised	04/01/13

4	17u	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17v	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17w	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17x	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17y	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17z	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17aa	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17ab	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original
4	17ac	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	Original

All of these listed schedules bear a date of issue of October 16, 2015, to be effective November 15, 2015.

The dominant factor driving Empire's proposed rate increase is Empire's capital investment to convert its Riverton 12 natural gas generating unit to a combined-cycle configuration.

Attached to this letter is the remaining information required by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B), including a copy of the press release being issued by Empire today.

Sincerely,



Kelly Walters  
 Vice President and Chief Operating Officer –  
 Electric

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