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President and Chief Executive Officer

November 3, 2000

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Executive Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
PO Box 360  
Jefferson City MO 65102-0360

Exhibit No. 1  
Date 5/29/01 Case No. ER-2001-299  
Reporter KRM

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company are an original and fourteen (14) copies of proposed revised rate schedules for electric service to retail customers in the State of Missouri. These revised schedules are designed to produce an increase in the Company's gross annual electric revenues, exclusive of applicable fees and taxes, of approximately \$41,467,926, or 19.3%.

Also enclosed are copies of the information required by 4 CSR 240-10.070(3)(B).

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

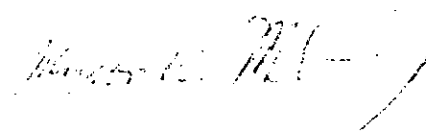
Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued
A	1	Table of Contents	14 <sup>th</sup> Revised	13 <sup>th</sup> Revised	7-21-97
1	1	Schedule RG, Residential Service	10 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
1	1a	Schedule RG, Residential Service	Original		
2	1	Schedule CB, Commercial Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	1a	Schedule CB, Commercial Service	Original		
2	2	Schedule SH, Small Heating Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	2a	Schedule SH, Small Heating Service	Original		
2	3	Schedule GP, General Power Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	3a	Schedule GP, General Power Service	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	4	Schedule LP, Large Power Service	10 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	4a	Schedule LP, Large Power Service	7 <sup>th</sup> Revised	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	5	Schedule PF, Electric Furnace Primary Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	6	Schedule PFM, Feed Mill & Grain Elevator Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	7	Schedule TEB, Total Electric Building Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	7a	Schedule TEB, Total Electric Building Service	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	9	Schedule SC-P, Special Contract: PRAXAIR	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	9a	Schedule SC-P, Special Contract: PRAXAIR	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	9b	Schedule SC-P, Special Contract: PRAXAIR	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	10	Schedule SC-ICI, Special Contract: ICI	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	9-15-97

Section	Sheet No.	Schedule	Designated	Canceling	Issued
2	10a	Schedule SC-ICI, Special Contract: ICI	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	13	Schedule ST, Special Transmission Service	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	14	Schedule RTP, Real Time Pricing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	14a	Schedule RTP, Real Time Pricing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	14b	Schedule RTP, Real Time Pricing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	14c	Schedule RTP, Real Time Pricing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	14d	Schedule RTP, Real Time Pricing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
2	14e	Schedule RTP, Real Time Pricing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	9-15-97
3	1	Schedule SPL, Municipal Street Lighting Service	10 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3-4-99
3	1a	Schedule SPL, Municipal Street Lighting Service	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3-4-99
3	2	Schedule PL, Private Lighting Service	14 <sup>th</sup> Revised	13 <sup>th</sup> Revised	5-24-99
3	2a	Schedule PL, Private Lighting Service	7 <sup>th</sup> Revised	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
3	3	Schedule LS, Special Lighting Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
3	3a	Schedule LS, Special Lighting Service	Original		
3	4	Schedule MS, Miscellaneous Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	9-15-97
3	5	Schedule CA, Credit Action Fees	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Original	10-7-94
4	3	Rider M, Municipal General Service	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8-2-94
4	4	Rider IR, Interruptible Service	9 <sup>th</sup> Revised	8 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3-15-99
4	4a	Rider IR, Interruptible Service	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	3-15-99
4	4b	Rider IR, Interruptible Service	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	3-15-99
4	4c	Rider IR, Interruptible Service	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	3-15-99
4	15	Schedule RCP, Residential Conservation Packet Pilot Program	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	1-28-98
4	16	Schedule EH, E Home Pilot Program	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	12-19-97
4	17	Comfort Guarantee, E Home	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	12-19-97

All of the listed schedules bear a date of issue of November 3, 2000, to be effective December 3, 2000.

Two copies of this filing are being furnished this date to the Office of Public Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



Myron W. McKinney

MWM:kjc

Enclosure

c: Office of Public Counsel

The Empire District Electric Company

Statement of Missouri Revenue Increase Request

The aggregate amount of annual revenue from Missouri electric customers which would result from the application of the proposed rates in this case would be \$41,467,926 more than the annual revenue under existing rates. This would represent a 19.36% increase in State of Missouri jurisdictional revenues.

**The Empire District Electric Company**

**Section B  
Schedule 2**

**Missouri Counties and Communities Affected**

<b>Barry County</b> Butterfield Purdy	<b>Jasper County(cont.)</b> Asbury Avilla Brooklyn Heights Carl Junction Cartersville Carthage Duneweg Fidelity Iron Gates Jasper Joplin LaRussell Neck City Oakland Park Oronogo Purcell Reeds Sarcoxie Waco Webb City	<b>Newton County(cont.)</b> Fort Crowder * Granby Leawood Loma Linda * Neosho Newtonia Redings Mill Ritchey Saginaw Seneca Shoal Creek Drive Silver Creek Southern Hills Stark City Stella Wentworth
<b>Barton County</b> Golden City Kenoma *		
<b>Cedar County</b> Caplinger Mills * Stockton		
<b>Christian County</b> Billings Cleaver Fremont Hills Ozark Sparta		
<b>Dade County</b> Arcola Everton Greenfield South Greenfield	<b>Lawrence County</b> Aurora Freistatt Halltown Hoberg Marionville Miller Phelps * Pierce City Stotts City Verona	<b>Polk County</b> Aldrich Bolivar Brighton Dunnegan Fair Play Flemington Halfway Humansville Morrisville Pleasant Hope
<b>Dallas County</b> Buffalo Louisburg Urbana		
<b>Greene County</b> Ash Grove Bois D'Arc * Fair Grove Republic Strafford Walnut Grove Willard	<b>McDonald County</b> Anderson Ginger Blue Goodman Lanagan Noel Pineville Southwest City	<b>St Clair County</b> Collins Gerster Vista
<b>Hickory County</b> Cross Timbers Hermitage Preston Weaubleau Wheatland		<b>Stone County</b> Galena Hurley Reeds Spring Branson West
<b>Jasper County</b> Airport Drive Alba	<b>Newton County</b> Cliff Village Dennis Acres Diamond Fairview	<b>Taney County</b> Branson Forsyth Hollister Mount Branson Powersite * Rockaway Beach * Kirbyville *

\* Not Incorporated

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**Section B  
Schedule 3**

**MISSOURI**

Number of Customers Affected by Rate Classification  
TYE 12-31-2000 (true up to 5-31-2001)

<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>		
Schedule PL	277 *	
Schedule RG	109,356	
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL		109,633
<b>COMERCIAL</b>		
Schedule PL	399 *	
Schedule CB	14,822	
Schedule SH	3,283	
Schedule LS	73	
Schedule TEB	649	
Schedule GP	912	
Schedule LP	10	
TOTAL COMMERCIAL		20,149
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>		
Schedule CB	51	
Schedule SH	5	
Schedule TEB	15	
Schedule PFM	19	
Schedule PF	3	
Schedule GP	158	
Schedule LP	24	
Schedule SC-P	1	
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL		276
<b>STREET &amp; HIGHWAY LIGHTING</b>		
Schedule SPL	120	
Schedule CB	254	
Schedule SH	1	
Schedule GP	1	
Schedule MS	1 *	
Schedule PL	22	
Schedule LS	112	
TOTAL STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING		510
<b>PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>		
Schedule CB	835	
Schedule TEB	20	
Schedule GP	86	
Schedule SH	29	
Schedule RG	2	
TOTAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES		971
<b>INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>		
Schedule CB	6	
Schedule GP	4	
TOTAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL		10
<b>TOTAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS</b>		<b>131,549</b>

\* 11,733 lighting customers are also counted as primary accounts.

**Section B**  
**Schedule 4**

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**MISSOURI**

**Average Monthly Increase**

		<b>Average Increase</b>	<b>Percent Increase (%)</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	Schedule PL	2.01	20.7072
	Schedule RG	14.63	20.7072
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	Schedule PL	7.88	20.7072
	Schedule CB	23.74	20.7072
	Schedule SH	34.14	20.7072
	Schedule LS	15.20	20.7072
	Schedule TEB	364.66	20.7072
	Schedule GP	403.28	20.7072
	Schedule LP	2,228.66	20.7072
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>	Schedule CB	49.67	20.7072
	Schedule SH	29.16	20.7072
	Schedule PL	17.47	20.7072
	Schedule TEB	672.72	20.7072
	Schedule PFM	97.10	20.7072
	Schedule PF	533.11	20.7072
	Schedule GP	1,261.79	20.7072
	Schedule LP	16,397.68	20.7072
	Schedule SCP-P	26,513.00	20.7072
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	Schedule SPL	117.05	20.7072
	Schedule CB	9.79	20.7072
	Schedule SH	66.75	20.7072
	Schedule GP	98.06	20.7072
	Schedule MS *	415.75	20.7072
	Schedule PL	3.62	20.7072
	Schedule LS	12.08	20.7072
<b>PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>	Schedule CB	24.34	20.7072
	Schedule PL	7.99	20.7072
	Schedule TEB	502.08	20.7072
	Schedule GP	347.44	20.7072
	Schedule SH	34.95	20.7072
	Schedule RG	5.28	20.7072
<b>INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>	Schedule PL	42.43	20.7072
	Schedule CB	3.62	20.7072
	Schedule GP	248.50	20.7072

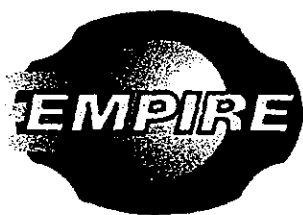
\* 46 traffic signals, 1 customer. Increase \$9.77 per signal.

**Section B  
Schedule 5**

**The Empire District Electric Company**

**MISSOURI**  
Revenue Increase by Rate Classification  
TYE 12-31-2000 (true up to 5-31-2001)

	Increase	% Increase	% Increase
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>			
Schedule PL	216,865	20.7072	
Schedule RG	19,204,444	20.7072	
Total Residential	19,421,309		20.7072
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>			
Schedule PL	336,601	20.7072	
Schedule CB	4,222,201	20.7072	
Schedule SH	1,345,119	20.7072	
Schedule LS	13,311	20.7072	
Schedule TEB	2,839,971	20.7072	
Schedule GP	4,413,449	20.7072	
Schedule LP	267,439	20.7072	
Total Commercial	13,438,091		20.7072
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>			
Schedule CB	30,400	20.7072	
Schedule SH	1,750	20.7072	
Schedule PL	12,785	20.7072	
Schedule TEB	121,089	20.7072	
Schedule PFM	22,139	20.7072	
Schedule PF	19,192	20.7072	
Schedule GP	2,392,347	20.7072	
Schedule LP	4,722,533	20.7072	
Schedule SCP-P	318,156	20.7072	
Total Industrial	7,640,390	20.7072	20.7072
<b>STREET &amp; HIGHWAY LIGHTING</b>			
Schedule SPL	162,931	20.7072	
Schedule CB	29,829	20.7072	
Schedule SH	801	20.7072	
Schedule GP	1,177	20.7072	
Schedule MS	4,989	20.7072	
Schedule PL	1,174	20.7072	
Schedule LS	16,230	20.7072	
Total Street & Highway Lighting	217,130		20.7072
<b>PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>			
Schedule CB	243,860	20.7072	
Schedule PL	192		
Schedule TEB	120,500	20.7072	
Schedule GP	358,556	20.7072	
Schedule SH	12,163	20.7072	
Schedule RG	127	20.7072	
Total Public Authorities	735,398		20.7072
<b>INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>			
Schedule CB	3,140	20.7072	
Schedule PL	43		
Schedule GP	12,425	20.7072	
Total Interdepartmental	15,609		20.7072
<b>TOTAL RETAIL</b>	<b>\$41,467,927</b>		<b>20.7072</b>



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC FILES NEW MISSOURI ELECTRIC RATES**

JOPLIN, MO – November 3, 2000 – The Empire District Electric Company announced today that it has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) for an increase in rates for its Missouri customers. The Company is seeking a revenue increase of \$41,467,926, or 19.36%. If approved, this would represent an increase of approximately \$10.51 per month for a residential customer using 700 kilowatt hours of electricity.

A major component of the filing is the rising price of natural gas, which will be the major fuel source for the State Line Combined Cycle Power Plant. The plant, located just west of Joplin, is currently under construction. Spot and short-term futures prices for natural gas have exceeded \$5 per thousand cubic feet since September, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. This price is more than double the price from one year ago, and the highest commodity price in real dollars since the mid-1980's. Also included in the request are costs associated with the construction of the State Line Plant.

The need for additional generating capacity is necessitated by an increase in customer growth of 29.7% over the last ten years in Empire's service territory. This rate of growth is significantly greater than the national average. In that time, energy consumption by Empire customers has also increased by 45.7%.

Expansion at the State Line Combined-Cycle Power Plant includes Unit III, a 150 megawatt Westinghouse generator, which when coupled with the existing 150 megawatt Unit II, will utilize exhaust heat to fuel a high-efficiency, 200 megawatt combined-cycle generator.

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After today's filing with the MPSC, an evidentiary hearing will be held to determine the validity of Empire's request. Any new rates approved would not be effective until late in the third quarter, 2001. Empire's last Missouri rate increase was in September, 1997.

In announcing the request for a change in rates, Mr. Myron McKinney, President, noted the dynamic economic growth in this area. "The State Line Combined Cycle Power Plant will be one of the most energy-efficient and cost-effective energy plants in the Midwest. The power produced by State Line will help build a foundation for the economic expansion of our region for many years to come."

The Empire District Electric Company is an investor-owned utility providing electric service to approximately 145,000 customers in southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas. The Company also provides monitored security, energy services, fiber optic service and decorative lighting as well as water service in three incorporated communities in Missouri.

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The Empire District Electric Company

Summary Explanation of Why Rate Relief is Needed

Rate Relief is needed due to the following:

- A) Increased investment in plant and equipment installed to serve new customers, particularly the addition in June 2001 of the State Line Combined Cycle Plant, a 500 megawatt plant owned jointly with Western Resources.
- B) Increased usage of natural gas and the increased cost associated with its rising price.
- C) Empire's last general rate increase was effective September 19, 1997.  
  
This increase is necessary to allow the Company to earn a reasonable return on its investment. The return on rate base during the test year on current rates is 4.58%, the return on rate base for the test year under the proposed rates is 9.61%.