

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority)	
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)	<u>Case No. ER-2008-0093</u>
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)	
Service Area of the Company.)	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL’S PROPOSED CUSTOMER NOTICE
AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) and for its Proposed Customer Notice and Motion for Leave to Late File states as follows:

1. On October 1, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company filed a general rate case. On October 3, 2007, the Commission issued an order directing that the parties agree upon the form of notice to customers concerning the hearings in this case, and that the agreed-upon notice be filed for the Commission’s approval no later than November 13, 2007.

2. Because of other time commitments (including NASUCA annual meetings and other Commission matters) the undersigned was not able to circulate a proposed notice for the other parties in time to meet the November 13 deadline. The proposed notice reproduced below was circulated on November 15, and all parties have indicated that they concur or do not object. Although the proposed notice indicates dates, times and locations for local public hearings, those dates, times and locations have not yet been approved by the Commission.

3. The agreed-upon proposed notice is as follows:

NOTICE

On October 1, 2007, The Empire District Electric Company filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC), which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by approximately 10.1 percent. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$9.75 each month.

Local public hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- At 6:00 p.m., March 12, 2008, at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri.
- At 12:00 p.m., March 13, 2008, at Webster Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri.
- At 6:00 p.m., March 13, 2008, at Tri-Lakes TCRC, University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Spring High School, ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413 (in the South Wing of Reeds Spring High School), Reeds Spring, Missouri.

Evidentiary hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- At 8:30 a.m., May 12 through 23, 2008, in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959.

The buildings where the hearings will be held meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel, on behalf of all the parties, respectfully submits this proposed customer notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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