

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

In the Matter of the tariff filing of The)	
Empire District Electric Company)	
to implement a general rate increase for)	Case No. ER-2004-0570
retail electric service provided to customers)	
in its Missouri service area)	

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PROPER TEST YEAR

Comes now The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by counsel, and pursuant to the Suspension Order and Notice issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the captioned matter on May 5, 2004, for its Recommendation Concerning Proper Test Year respectfully states as follows to the Commission:

1. Empire recommends that the Commission establish the twelve months ended December 31, 2003, as the test year in the captioned proceeding, said test year to be adjusted and updated for all known and measurable changes through June 30, 2004.

2. Empire does not intend to request a true-up audit and hearing in the captioned matter.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully submits its recommended test year, as adjusted and updated, as described above, and requests that it be adopted for the captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing was, on this 14TH day of May, 2004, sent via electronic mail, U.S. Postage, or hand delivered, to all parties of record.

