

SERVICES YOU COUNT ON

October 29, 2009

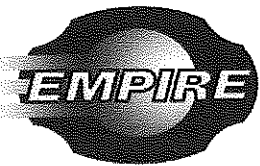
Mr. Steven Reed
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

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 electric rate schedules which are designed to increase Empire's gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$68.7 million exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes.

Also included is the information required by 4 CSR 240-3.030 (3)(B). 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:

Table with 6 columns: Section, Sheet No., Schedules, Designated, Canceling, Issued. It lists various electric rate schedules such as Residential Service-Schedule RG, Commercial Service-Schedule CB, and Special Contract Praxair-Schedule SC-P.



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Section	Sheet No.	Schedules	Designated	Canceling	Issued
3	9	Reserved for future use	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	12/28/06
4	7	Reserved for future use	7 <sup>th</sup> Revised	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	12/28/06

All of the listed schedules bear a date of issued of October 29, 2009, to be effective November 28, 2009.

The major factors driving Empire's proposed rate increase are the capital additions we have made or are making to our electric system, specifically Iatan 1 Air Quality Control Systems, the coal-fired Plum Point Generating Station, and Iatan 2, and the increase in annual operating costs that will accompany these units as they go into service.

Three copies of this filing are being furnished this date to the Commission's General Counsel and to the Office of the Public Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly S. Walters

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Enclosure

Cc: General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel