

**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 ) Case No. ER-2011-0004  
Service Provided to Customers in the )  
Missouri Service Area of the Company. )

**EMPIRE’S TRUE-UP REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby recommends a true-up in this proceeding as more specifically set forth below:

1. On November 15, 2010, the parties to this proceeding, with the exception of Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCPL”), jointly filed a proposed procedural schedule. KCPL did not oppose the filing, and, by order dated November 16, 2010, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) adopted the parties’ proposals with certain modifications.

2. The parties’ proposed procedural schedule states, in part, as follows: “At this time, the parties do not anticipate the need for a true-up in this case. The parties shall file any true-up recommendations concurrent with the filing of Revenue Requirement Rebuttal testimony.” Revenue Requirement Rebuttal is due to be filed herein on April 18, 2011, but by order issued March 31, 2011, the Commission directed the parties to inform the Commission as to whether a true-up hearing is required by April 7, 2011.

3. Due to circumstances involving fuel and purchased power expenses, as well as other matters, Empire now believes a true-up is needed in this case. Accordingly, Empire recommends that a true-up of its revenue, expense, rate base and rate of return components be conducted through March 31, 2011.

4. The Commission's procedural schedule order of November 16, 2010, provides that true-up direct testimony be filed on May 6, 2011, that true-up rebuttal testimony be filed on May 20, 2011, and that a true-up hearing be held June 6-7, 2011. Empire is not proposing any modifications to this schedule at this time.

WHEREFORE, Empire requests that a true-up, as stated herein, be conducted as a part of this rate case proceeding. Empire seeks such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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