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Mr. Steven Reed
 Secretary/General Counsel
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 P.O. Box 360
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**Re: The Empire District Electric Company
 Case No. ER-2012-0345**

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 rate schedules which are designed to increase Empire’s gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$30.7 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise, or occupational fees or taxes.

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:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Schedules</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Canceling</u>	<u>Issued</u>
A	1	Table of Contents	27th Revised	26th Revised	06/03/11
B	17	Description of MO Service Territory	1st Revised	Original	10/15/07
B	18	Description of MO Service Territory	1st Revised	Original	10/15/07
B	19	Description of MO Service Territory	2nd Revised	1st Revised	08/18/09
1	1	Residential Service Schedule RG	17th Revised	16th Revised	06/03/11
2	1	Commercial Service Schedule CB	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11
2	2	Small Heating Service Schedule SH	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11
2	3	General Power Service Schedule GP	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11
2	4	Large Power Service Schedule LP	17th Revised	16th Revised	06/03/11
2	6	Feed Mill and Grain Elevator Service Schedule PFM	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11
2	7	Total Electric Building Service Schedule TEB	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11
2	9	Special Transmission Service Contract - Praxair SC-P	12th Revised	11th Revised	06/03/11
2	9b	Special Transmission Service Contract - Praxair SC-P	9th Revised	8th Revised	06/03/11
3	1	Municipal Street Lighting Service Schedule SPL	17th Revised	16th Revised	06/03/11
3	2	Private Lighting Service Schedule PL	21st Revised	20th Revised	06/03/11
3	3	Special Lighting Service Schedule LS	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11

3	4	Miscellaneous Service Schedule MS	16th Revised	15th Revised	06/03/11
3	5	Credit Action Fees Schedule CA	5th Revised	4th Revised	12/28/06
4	17h	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	1st Revised	Original	06/03/11
4	17i	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	1st Revised	Original	06/03/11
4	17j	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	1st Revised	Original	06/03/11
4	17k	Fuel Adjustment Clause Schedule FAC	3rd Revised	2nd Revised	04/01/12
4	22	Economic Development Rider Schedule EDR	Original		
4	22a	Economic Development Rider Schedule EDR	Original		
4	22b	Economic Development Rider Schedule EDR	Original		

All of these listed schedules bear a date of issue of August 6, 2012, to be effective September 5, 2012.


I am also providing to the Commission for separate filing, in electronic form, certain tariff sheets designed to increase Empire's gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$6.2 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise, or occupational fees or taxes, on an interim basis and subject to refund. The electric rate schedules being filed in this regard are as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	<u>Schedules</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Canceling</u>	<u>Issued</u>
4	21	Electric Interim Rider INT	3rd Revised	2nd Revised	12/28/06
4	21a	Electric Interim Rider INT	Original		
4	21b	Electric Interim Rider INT	Original		
4	21c	Electric Interim Rider INT	Original		
4	21d	Electric Interim Rider INT	Original		

Also being filed on this date on behalf of Empire is a motion requesting that the Commission exercise its discretion to not suspend these tariff sheets, and, instead, allow these tariff sheets to take effect by operation of law on September 5, 2012 (thirty days after filing).

The major factor driving Empire's proposed rate increase is the on-going increase in Empire's operating costs after the May 2011 Joplin tornado.

Attached to this letter is the remaining information required by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B), including a copy of the press release being issued by Empire today.

Sincerely,

 Kelly Walters

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