

**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)
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)
Service Area of the Company.)

Case No. ER-2012-0345
Tariff File YE-2013-0375

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and for its *Recommendation* states as follows:

1. In its February 27, 2013, *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement*, the Commission ordered Staff to file no later than March 6, 2013, a recommendation regarding the tariff sheets that Empire was to file no later than February 28, 2013.

2. Empire filed compliance tariff sheets in EFIS on February 28, 2013, Tariff File No. YE-2013-0375.

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Attachment A, the Staff notes that it has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by Empire on February 28, and states Empire’s filing complies with the *Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement* and the *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement*. Staff recommends approval of these tariff sheets, as listed in Staff’s Memorandum, or that they be allowed to take effect by operation of law.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends the Commission approve Empire’s tariff filing of February 28, 2013, or allow it to become effective by operation of law.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6th day of March, 2013.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. ER-2012-0345, File No. YE-2013-0375, The Empire District Electric Company

FROM: Tom Imhoff, Energy Department - Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 03/06/13
Tariff/Rate Design Section/Date

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson 03/06/13
General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On The Empire District Electric Company's Tariff Sheets Filed to
Comply with the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement

DATE: March 6, 2013

On February 27, 2013, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its Report and Order ("Order") in Case No. ER-2012-0345, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company") general rate case. This Order approved an increase in the Company's overall Missouri jurisdictional gross annual electric revenues of \$30.7 million.

The Company filed tariff sheets on February 28, 2013, to comply with the Order. In its letter of transmittal accompanying the February 28, 2013 compliance filing, Empire requested an effective date of April 1, 2013. The tariff sheets filed by Empire are compliant with the specimen tariff sheets that were attached to the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission.

The Commission's Energy Rate Design & Tariffs Unit Staff ("Staff") has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by Empire on February 28, 2013, and is of the opinion that these sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order. Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets filed on February 28, 2013, be approved:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5

Sec. A 27th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling Sec. A 26th Revised Sheet No. 1
Sec. B 1st Revised Sheet No. 17, Canceling Sec. B Original Sheet No. 17
Sec. B 1st Revised Sheet No. 18, Canceling Sec. B Original Sheet No. 18
Sec. B 2nd Revised Sheet No. 19, Canceling Sec. B 1st Revised Sheet No. 19
Sec. 1 17th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling Sec. 1 16th Revised Sheet No. 1
Sec. 2 16th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling Sec. 2 15th Revised Sheet No. 1
Sec. 2 16th Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling Sec. 2 15th Revised Sheet No. 2
Sec. 2 16th Revised Sheet No. 3, Canceling Sec. 2 15th Revised Sheet No. 3
Sec. 2 17th Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling Sec. 2 16th Revised Sheet No. 4
Sec. 2 16th Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling Sec. 2 15th Revised Sheet No. 6
Sec. 2 16th Revised Sheet No. 7, Canceling Sec. 2 15th Revised Sheet No. 7
Sec. 2 12th Revised Sheet No. 9, Canceling Sec. 2 11th Revised Sheet No. 9
Sec. 2 9th Revised Sheet No. 9b, Canceling Sec. 2 8th Revised Sheet No. 9b
Sec. 2 11th Revised Sheet No. 13, Canceling Sec. 2 10th Revised Sheet No. 13
Sec. 3 17th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling Sec. 3 16th Revised Sheet No. 1

Sec. 3 21st Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling Sec. 3 20th Revised Sheet No. 2
Sec. 3 16th Revised Sheet No. 3, Canceling Sec. 3 15th Revised Sheet No. 3
Sec. 3 16th Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling Sec. 3 15th Revised Sheet No. 4
Sec. 3 5th Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling Sec. 3 4th Revised Sheet No. 5
Sec. 4 5th Revised Sheet No. 8c, Canceling Sec. 4 4th Revised Sheet No. 8c
Sec. 4 8th Revised Sheet No. 17, Canceling Sec. 4 7th Revised Sheet No. 17
Sec. 4 2nd Revised Sheet No. 17a, Canceling Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17a
Sec. 4 2nd Revised Sheet No. 17b, Canceling Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17b
Sec. 4 6th Revised Sheet No. 17c, Canceling Sec. 4 5th Revised Sheet No. 17c
Sec. 4 2nd Revised Sheet No. 17d, Canceling Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17d
Sec. 4 2nd Revised Sheet No. 17e, Canceling Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17e
Sec. 4 2nd Revised Sheet No. 17f, Canceling Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17f
Sec. 4 3rd Revised Sheet No. 17g, Canceling Sec. 4 2nd Revised Sheet No. 17g
Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17h, Canceling Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. 17h
Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17i, Canceling Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. 17i
Sec. 4 1st Revised Sheet No. 17j, Canceling Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. 17j
Sec. 4 4th Revised Sheet No. 17k, Canceling Sec. 4 3rd Revised Sheet No. 17k
Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. 22
Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. 22a
Sec. 4 Original Sheet No. 22b

The Staff has verified that Empire has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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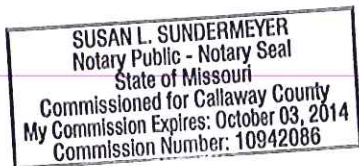
AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS M. IMHOFF


STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Thomas M. Imhoff, of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Thomas M. Imhoff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March, 2013.




Notary Public