

EXHIBIT 2

EMPIRE ORIGINAL FIVE
YEAR IEC TARIFF

CASE NO. ER-2004-0570

STATE OF MISSOURI, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

P.S.C. Mo. No. 5

Sec. 4 4th Revised Sheet No. 17
Cancelling P.S.C. Mo. No. 5

For ALL TERRITORY
No supplement to this tariff will be issued except
for the purpose of cancelling this tariff.

Sec. 4 3rd Revised Sheet No. 17
Which was issued 9-26-01

INTERIM ENERGY CHARGE RIDER
RIDER IEC

APPLICATION:

This Interim Energy Charge Rider (IEC) is applicable to all electric service billed under any electric rate schedule, metered or unmetered, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) as reflected separately on each rate schedule. The revenue from this rider will be collected on an interim and subject to true-up and refund basis under the terms ordered in Case ER-2004-_____.

RATE:

In addition to the charges which Empire makes for electric service set forth in its approved and effective rate schedules, the following amount will be added.

Per kwh..... .0040

The reduction to schedules PL and SPL, due to this Rider CIEC, will be calculated using assumed kwh usage for the various lamp sizes.

CONDITIONS:

This interim rider shall be in effect from April 27, 2004 through April 27, 2009. This rider will be subject to an annual true-up audit to determine if any portion of the revenues collected exceed Empire's actual and prudently incurred cost for fuel and purchased power during the interim period, and refunds, if warranted will be issued. Empire shall refund the excess, if any above the greater of the actual or the base, plus interest. Interest will be equal to the prime rate in effect on the day the IEC expires annually and will be applied to any amount to be refunded. No refund will be made if Empire's actual and prudently incurred costs for fuel and purchased power during the IEC period equal or exceed the forecast amount.

Such refunds, if any shall be based upon the billing units of the customer to which these amounts were applied. Any refund will appear as a one-time credit on the customer's bill.

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ISSUED BY David W. Gibson, Vice President, Joplin, MO

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