

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Case No. ER-2015-_____
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)

NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through counsel, and for its Notice of Intended Case Filing being submitted herein pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri, 64802. Empire is qualified to conduct business and is conducting business in Missouri as well as in the states of Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Empire is engaged, generally, in the business of generating, purchasing, transmitting, distributing, and selling electric energy in portions of said states. Empire also provides water service and, through its subsidiary, natural gas distribution service in Missouri. Empire’s Missouri operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.

2. It is Empire’s intent to file revised tariffs designed to increase rates for electric service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of the Company on or after October 1, 2015. It is likely that the revised tariffs to be filed by Empire will be suspended by the Commission and that a contested case before the Commission will result which will likely address factors concerning the Company’s revenue requirement and the rates for electric service to be charged by Empire, including rate base, expenses, rate of return, rate design, and specific tariff language.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits to the Commission and its Secretary this Notice of Intended Case Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 31st day of July, 2015, to Counsel for the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and all other parties to Commission Case No. ER-2014-0351.

/s/ Diana C. Carter