

**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-\_\_\_\_\_

**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, 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 Kansas as well as in the states of Missouri, 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. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020, provides, in part, as follows:

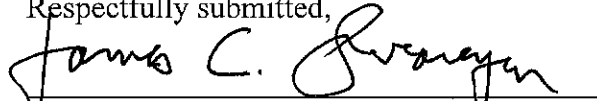
(2) Any regulated entity that intends to file a case likely to be a contested case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission.

3. 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 as early as July 1, 2012. 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 address all factors concerning 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 its Notice of Intended Case Filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via electronic mail on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, to:

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