

**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) Case No. ER-2011-0004
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)

EMPIRE’S REPLY REGARDING TRUE-UP REQUEST

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby states as follows in further support of its request and recommendation for a true-up in this proceeding and in reply to the Response Regarding True-Up filed herein on April 7, 2011, by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission:

1. On April 5, 2011, due to circumstances involving fuel and purchased power expenses, as well as other matters, Empire recommended that a true-up of its revenue, expense, rate base and rate of return components be conducted through March 31, 2011, as part of this rate case proceeding.

2. The existing procedural schedule in this case, as agreed to by Staff and other parties and ordered by the Commission, provides for a true-up request and further provides that true-up direct testimony be filed on May 6, 2011, that true-up rebuttal testimony be filed on May 20, 2011, and that a true-up hearing be held June 6-7, 2011.

3. On April 7, 2011, Staff filed its Response Regarding True-Up and stated that Staff does not object to Empire’s request for a true-up. Staff, however, requested that Empire “state a specific list of true-up items.”

4. Accordingly, Empire requests that a true-up be ordered and conducted in this case, updating the following through March 31, 2011: capital structure, rate base, customer growth, depreciation expense, property tax, payroll, FAS 87/106, and fuel and purchased power

