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Ms. Colleen Dale  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: The Empire District Electric Company**

Dear Ms. Dale:

Earlier today, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), caused to be provided to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for filing, in electronic form, certain revised electric rate schedules designed to increase Empire's gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$29,513,713, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise or occupational fees or taxes. The rate schedules initially submitted had an issue date of February 1, 2006, and an effective date of March 2, 2006. Shortly thereafter, Empire caused to be provided to the Commission in electronic form, in lieu of the earlier submission, certain revised electric rate schedules bearing an issue date of February 1, 2006, and an effective date of March 3, 2006.

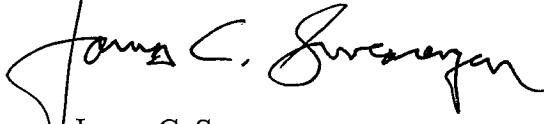
The purpose of this letter is to describe these events and make it clear that Empire has withdrawn the initial electronic rate schedule submission with an issue date of February 1, 2006, and an effective date of March 2, 2006, and has provided to the Commission for filing, in electronic form, in lieu thereof, identical rate schedules bearing an issue date of February 1, 2006, and an effective date of March 3, 2006.

In addition, Empire will also cause to be provided to the Commission my transmittal letter, identical in all respects to my initial transmittal letter, except referencing the March 3, 2006 effective date for the subject rate schedules. Empire will also cause to be provided to the Commission a transmittal letter from Empire's David Gibson, also identical to his initial letter, except referencing the March 3, 2006 effective date for the subject rate schedules.

On behalf of Empire, I apologize for any confusion that these events may have created.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearngen

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Enclosures

cc: Missouri Public Service Commission General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel