

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
MISSOURI

Statement of Missouri Revenue Increase Request

The aggregate amount of annual revenue, from Missouri electric customers, which would result from the application of the proposed rates in this case, would be \$38,282,294 more than the annual revenue under existing rates. This would represent an 14.82% increase in the State of Missouri jurisdictional revenues.

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Schedule 2**

**Missouri Counties and Communities Affected**

<b>Barry County</b> Butterfield Purdy	<b>Jasper County(cont.)</b> Asbury Avilla Brooklyn Heights Carl Junction Carterville Carthage Duneweg Duquesne Fidelity Jasper Joplin LaRussell Neck City Oronogo Purcell Reeds Sarcoxie Waco Webb City	<b>Newton County(cont.)</b> Fort Crowder * Granby Leawood Loma Linda * Neosho Newtonia Redings Mill Ritchey Saginaw Seneca Shoal Creek Drive Silver Creek Stark City Stella Wentworth
<b>Barton County</b> Golden City Kenoma *		
<b>Cedar County</b> Caplinger Mills * Stockton		
<b>Christian County</b> Billings Clever Fremont Hills Ozark Sparta		
<b>Dade County</b> Arcola Everton Greenfield South Greenfield	<b>Lawrence County</b> Aurora Freistatt Halltown Hoberg Marionville Miller Phelps * Pierce City Stotts City Verona	<b>Polk County</b> Aldrich Bolivar Brighton* Dunnegan* Fair Play Flemington Halfway Humansville Morrisville Pleasant Hope
<b>Dallas County</b> Buffalo Louisburg Urbana		
<b>Greene County</b> Ash Grove Bois D'Arc * Fair Grove Republic Strafford Walnut Grove Willard	<b>McDonald County</b> Anderson Ginger Blue Goodman Lanagan Noel Pineville Southwest City	<b>St Clair County</b> Collins Gerster Vista
<b>Hickory County</b> Cross Timbers Hermitage Preston Weaubleau Wheatland		<b>Stone County</b> Galena Hurley Reeds Spring Branson West
<b>Jasper County</b> Airport Drive Alba	<b>Newton County</b> Cliff Village Dennis Acres Diamond Fairview	<b>Taney County</b> Branson Forsyth Forsyth Sub* Hollister Mount Branson* Powersite * Rockaway Beach* Kirbyville*

\* Not Incorporated

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Number of Customers Affected by Rate Classification  
TYE 12-31-03

<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>		
Schedule PL	2,765	*
Schedule RG	112,469	
<b>TOTAL RESIDENTIAL</b>		115,234
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>		
Schedule PL	247	*
Schedule CB	15,523	
Schedule SH	2,405	
Schedule LS	66	
Schedule TEB	746	
Schedule GP	1,142	
Schedule LP	9	
Schedule MS	2	
<b>TOTAL COMMERCIAL</b>		20,140
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>		
Schedule CB	52	
Schedule SH	11	
Schedule TEB	14	
Schedule PFM	10	
Schedule PF	3	
Schedule GP	172	
Schedule LP	26	
Schedule SC-P	1	
<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIAL</b>		289
<b>STREET &amp; HIGHWAY LIGHTING</b>		
Schedule SPL	7	
Schedule CB	232	
Schedule GP	1	
Schedule MS	2	*
Schedule LS	100	
<b>TOTAL STREET &amp; HIGHWAY LIGHTING</b>		341
<b>PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>		
Schedule CB	881	
Schedule TEB	7	
Schedule GP	118	
Schedule SH	32	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>		1,039
<b>INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>		
Schedule CB	5	
Schedule GP	6	
<b>TOTAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>		11
<b>TOTAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS</b>		137,054

\* approximately 12,000 lighting customers are also counted as primary accounts.

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Average Monthly Increase

	Average Increase	Percent Increase (%)
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>		
Schedule PL	**	16.0721
Schedule RG	12.88	16.0721
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>		
Schedule PL	**	16.0721
Schedule CB	19.62	16.0721
Schedule SH	31.52	16.0721
Schedule LS	11.35	16.0721
Schedule TEB	330.22	16.0721
Schedule GP	336.29	16.0721
Schedule LP	6,663.37	16.0721
Schedule MS	7.21	16.0721
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>		
Schedule CB	27.16	16.0721
Schedule SH	35.28	16.0721
Schedule PL	**	16.0721
Schedule TEB	346.20	16.0721
Schedule PFM	130.47	16.0721
Schedule PF	0.00	16.0721
Schedule GP	1,050.27	16.0721
Schedule LP	12,874.13	16.0721
Schedule SCP-P	26,514.47	16.0721
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>		
Schedule SPL	**	16.0721
Schedule CB	7.14	16.0721
Schedule GP	153.74	16.0721
Schedule MS	* 293.39	16.0721
Schedule PL	**	16.0721
Schedule LS	12.53	16.0721
<b>PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>		
Schedule CB	18.93	16.0721
Schedule PL	**	16.0721
Schedule TEB	553.32	16.0721
Schedule GP	312.79	16.0721
Schedule SH	30.97	16.0721
<b>INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>		
Schedule CB	43.52	16.0721
Schedule GP	167.77	16.0721
Schedule PL	**	16.0721

\* 52 traffic signals, 2 customers. Increase \$5.64 per signal.  
 \*\* rates according to lamp size and # of lamps per customer

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Revenue Increase by Rate Classification

TYE 12/31/03

	Increase	% Increase	% Increase
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>			
Schedule PL	187,306	16.0721	
Schedule RG	17,385,821	16.0721	
Total Residential	17,573,127		16.0721
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>			
Schedule PL	291,916	16.0721	
Schedule CB	3,654,469	16.0721	
Schedule SH	909,704	16.0721	
Schedule LS	8,988	16.0721	
Schedule TEB	2,956,163	16.0721	
Schedule GP	4,608,486	16.0721	
Schedule LP	719,644	16.0721	
Total Commercial	13,149,370		16.0721
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>			
Schedule CB	16,948	16.0721	
Schedule SH	4,657	16.0721	
Schedule PL	6,942	16.0721	
Schedule TEB	58,161	16.0721	
Schedule PFM	15,656	16.0721	
Schedule PF	16,181	16.0721	
Schedule GP	2,167,758	16.0721	
Schedule LP	4,016,728	16.0721	
Schedule SCP-P	318,174	16.0721	
Total Industrial	6,621,204	16.0721	16.0721
<b>STREET &amp; HIGHWAY LIGHTING</b>			
Schedule SPL	177,003	16.0721	
Schedule CB	19,874	16.0721	
Schedule GP	1,845	16.0721	
Schedule MS	7,041	16.0721	
Schedule PL	1,321	16.0721	
Schedule LS	15,032	16.0721	
Total Street & Highway Lighting	222,116		16.0721
<b>PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</b>			
Schedule CB	200,117	16.0721	
Schedule PL	173	16.0721	
Schedule TEB	46,479	16.0721	
Schedule GP	442,914	16.0721	
Schedule SH	11,894	16.0721	
Total Public Authorities	701,576		16.0721
<b>INTERDEPARTMENTAL</b>			
Schedule CB	2,611	16.0721	
Schedule PL	37	16.0721	
Schedule GP	12,079	16.0721	
Total Interdepartmental	14,728		16.0721
<b>TOTAL RETAIL</b>	<b>\$38,282,121</b>		



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### **THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES FOR NEW MISSOURI ELECTRIC RATES**

JOPLIN, MO – April 30, 2004 – The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) announced today that it has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) for changes in rates for its Missouri electric customers. The Company is seeking an annual increase in revenues of approximately \$38,282,000 or 14.8 percent. If approved, a residential customer using 750 kilowatt hours of electricity would experience a monthly increase of approximately \$13.44.

In making the announcement, Bill Gipson, President and CEO, stated, "We are seeking this change in our Missouri rates to allow us to recover additional operating and investment costs of serving our customers, and to regain financial flexibility to serve our customers most effectively."

Gipson continued, "Since our last electric rate case in Missouri, which went into effect December 1, 2002, we have invested over \$100 million in infrastructure improvements including the two new units at the Energy Center; we have experienced higher fuel costs, namely natural gas used to generate electricity; and we have seen an increase in pension and health care costs. The rates we have filed, if approved, will allow us to earn an adequate rate of return and depreciation allowance."

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"Also with this filing, in addition to our normal request, we have asked the Commission to consider two options that would allow us to recover our actual fuel and purchased power expenses: an interim energy charge, subject to refund, like we received in our 2001 case, or a fuel adjustment clause, that would reflect actual fuel prices. We believe either of these options would be to our customers' and shareholders' advantage," said Gipson.

After today's filing with the MPSC, an extensive audit of Empire's operations, a public hearing, and an evidentiary hearing will be held. Any new rates approved as a result of this request are not expected to be effective until the first quarter of 2005.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) is an investor-owned utility providing electric service to approximately 157,000 customers in southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma, and northwest Arkansas. The Company also provides fiber optic and Internet services, customer information software services, utility industry technical training, and has an investment in close-tolerance, custom manufacturing. Empire provides water service in three incorporated communities in Missouri.

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## **Section B**

### **Schedule 7**

#### **The Empire District Electric Company**

#### **Summary Explanation of Why Rate Relief is Needed**

Rate Relief is needed due to the following:

- To provide an adequate return on equity.
- Cost of natural gas used to generate electricity has increased substantially.
- Significant additions and improvements have been made, including two new peaking units, in order to better to serve the customers.
- Increased O & M expenses, including increased depreciation costs.
- The issuance of 2.3 million new shares of common stock issued.
- To propose fuel cost relief in the form of a fuel adjustment or an interim energy charge to offset risk of fuel cost increases.