

**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-2008-0093**

**NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Issue Date: March 26, 2008

On March 25, 2008, all Commissioners received the attached electronic mail message from Aaron Workman.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26th day of March, 2008.  
Davis, Chairman *AM*  
Murray, Commissioner *CM*  
Clayton, Commissioner *TC*  
Appling, Commissioner *SA*  
Jarrett, Commissioner *TMJ*

From: Aaron Workman [mailto:aworkman\_02@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:25 PM

To: Davis, Jeff; Murray, Connie; Clayton, Robert; Appling, Linward (Lin); Jarrett, Terry; Henderson, Wess

Subject: [Released] Empire Rate Increase

Members of the commission,

I am a resident of Joplin and am writing in strong opposition to the rate increase. I wish I could attend the public hearings but I work two jobs to pay my bills now and can't take off to attend. I understand that Empire's costs have risen along with everyone Else's, I would agree to a \$9 a month increase, but that is not what they are asking for. To grant them the fuel adjustment clause will effectively double our bills. Don't believe me? ask the average Empire customer living in Riverton Kansas who have already had this inflicted on them. As a regulated Monopoly, Empire is our only power company, we as citizens are counting on you to protect us from unwarranted increases. This charge would be like taking a Taxi ride and then having the driver expect you to fill his car.

Sincerely,

Aaron Workman  
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