

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

Pro Forma Electric Operating Revenues
for Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2009

Revenue Class	<u>Total Company</u>	<u>Kansas</u>		
	Pro Forma Operating Revenue <u>A</u>	Pro Forma Operating Revenue <u>B</u>	Proposed Increase <u>C</u>	After Increase <u>D</u>
1. Residential	\$182,364,978	\$13,083,856	\$2,621,219	\$15,705,075
2. Commercial	138,225,795	6,453,351	1,292,864	7,746,215
3. Industrial	67,611,713	5,554,746	1,112,838	6,667,584
4. Street & Highway Lighting	2,942,564	223,129	44,702	267,831
5. Public Authorities	8,251,708	658,184	131,861	790,044
6. Interdepartmental	169,788	0	0	0
7. Sales for Resale On-System	18,754,822	0	0	0
8. Sales for Resale Off-System	<u>21,459,226</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
9. Total Sales of Electricity	439,780,595	25,973,266	5,203,483	31,176,749
10. Other Electric Operating Revenue	6,890,291	373,688	0	373,688
11. Total Electric Operating Revenue	<u>\$446,670,885</u>	<u>\$26,346,954</u>	<u>\$5,203,483</u>	<u>\$31,550,437</u>

* Allocated on Basis of Common Transmission Plant

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Communities Affected

Incorporated:

Baxter Springs
Columbus
Galena
West Mineral
Roseland
Scammon
Treece
Weir

Unincorporated:

Camp 42
Carona
Hallowell
Lowell
Melrose
Riverton

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Kansas Electric Operating Revenue

Revenue Class	Average Customers A	12 Months Ended June 30, 2009 B	Pro Forma Before Increase C	Proposed Increase D	Monthly Average Increase Per Customer E
1. Residential	\$104,080	\$10,372,403	\$13,083,856	\$2,621,219	\$25.18
2. Commercial	14,838	4,982,092	6,453,351	1,292,864	\$87.13
3. Industrial	606	4,569,142	5,554,746	1,112,838	\$1,836.37
4. Street & Highway Lighting	707	181,827	223,129	44,702	\$63.23 *
5. Public Authorities	1,436	511,614	131,861	131,861	\$91.82
6. Interdepartmental	1	0	0	0	
7. Sales for Resale On-System	12	832,875	0	0	
8. Sales for Resale Off-System	0	0	0	0	
9. Total Cust / Sales of Electricity	<u>121,680</u>	21,449,953	25,446,943	5,203,483	
10. Other Electric Operating Revenue		374,178			
11. Total Electric Operating Revenue		<u>\$21,824,132</u>	<u>\$25,446,943</u>	<u>\$5,203,483</u>	



* Annual Average Increase for Lighting



The Empire District Electric Company
Summary Of Reasons For Filing Application For Rate Increase

Section 2
Schedule E

Rate Relief is Needed to Include:

1. The capital expenditures involved with the investment in plants and equipment.
 2. The expenditures involved with Ice Storm of 2007 and Wind Storm of 2009.
 3. Increased operating expenses.
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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES FOR NEW KANSAS ELECTRIC RATES

JOPLIN, MO – November 4, 2009 – The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) announced today that it has filed a request with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for changes in rates for its Kansas electric customers. The Company is seeking an annual increase in revenues of approximately \$5.2 million or about 24.6 percent. If approved, a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity would experience a monthly increase of approximately \$25.08.

In making the announcement, Bill Gipson, president and CEO, stated, “We are seeking new rates primarily to begin recovery of the investment we have made or are making to our electric system, specifically environmental upgrades at Iatan 1 and the Asbury Power Plant and, for the new generating units, Riverton Unit 12, Iatan 2, and the Plum Point Generating Station, plus the annual operating costs associated with these units. These additions will allow Empire to continue to provide reliable service to our customers with a balanced mix of resources.”

After today’s filing with the KCC, an extensive audit of Empire’s operations, a public hearing, and an evidentiary hearing will be held. The Company anticipates that any new rates approved would not become effective until the summer of 2010.

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Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE: EDE) is an investor-owned, regulated utility providing electricity, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 215,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com.

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