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**To: Public Service Commission**

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**Subject:** Empire Electric Association, Inc. Docket No. 11-025-T01

**ISSUE:**

On November 23, 2011, Empire Electric Association, Inc. (Empire), in accordance with Section 54-7-12-6(a),(b),(c),(d), of the Utah Code, filed with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) revised Utah PSC No. 3 Tariff Sheets Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6A, 7A, 8, 9A, 11A, 11C and 15.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Commission acknowledge Empires' revised tariff sheets with an effective date of January 1, 2012, and make them available for public inspection.

**DISCUSSION:**

The filing indicates these revised tariff sheets reflect an average increase in rates of 6.3%. Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., Empire's wholesale electric supplier, is increasing their rates to Empire by 4.8%. Empire is therefore increasing their rates to recover this increased cost plus another 2.7% for a general rate increase.

Empire's Board of Directors approved this increase in a board meeting held on November 18, 2011. A public meeting was noticed and held at the San Juan County Commission Chamber in Monticello, Utah on November 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The following table summarizes the dollar and percent changes for the effected rate schedules.

<b>Rate Class (average kWh monthly usage)</b>	<b>Current Charge</b>	<b>Proposed Charge</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<u>Residential</u> (678 kWh)	\$90.28	\$95.92	\$5.64	6.25%
<u>Residential Time-of-Use</u> single phase (1,613 kWh)	\$136.56	\$144.86	\$8.30	6.08%
<u>Commercial</u> - single phase (1,189 kWh)	\$145.13	\$153.51	\$8.38	5.78%
<u>Commercial</u> - three phase (4,142 kWh)	\$478.10	\$504.19	\$26.09	5.46%
<u>Large Power</u> 118 kW @ 51% L.F. (43,312 kWh)	\$5,635.11	\$5,963.38	\$328.27	5.83%
<u>Security Lights</u>				
175 Watt MV	\$16.27	\$16.89	\$0.62	3.81%
100 Watt HPS	\$11.77	\$12.30	\$0.53	4.50%
250 Watt HPS	\$23.23	\$24.11	\$0.88	3.79%
<u>Street Lights</u>				
175 Watt MV	\$14.54	\$15.09	\$0.55	3.78%
400 Watt MV	\$29.61	\$30.74	\$1.13	3.82%
100 W HPS	\$11.08	\$11.50	\$0.42	3.79%
250 W HPS	\$22.01	\$22.85	\$0.84	3.82%

Empire is also requesting the removal of the Small Scale Renewable Distributed Generation Tariff Sheets Nos. 14A through 14I from the Utah tariff sheets since these sheets have never been used and were replaced by Empire's Net Metering Tariff No. 16A.

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the revised tariff sheets and make them available for public inspection.

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