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Subject: Empire Electric Association, Inc. Docket No. 12-025-T01

ISSUE:

On December 6, 2012, 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) Tariff Sheets Nos. 3, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7A, 7B, 8, 12, 15, 16A, 16B and 16C as well as new tariff sheets 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B and 9.

RECOMMEND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Commission acknowledge Empires' revised tariff sheets with an effective date of January 1, 2013, and make them available for public inspection.

DISCUSSION:

The filing indicates these revised tariff sheets reflect an average increase in overall rates of 1.61% with no change in the total dollar amount for the single phase residential rate for Monticello and surrounding San Juan County residents.

The purpose of the filing is to reflect a 4.9% increase in whole sale power as well as a redesign of the rate structure from Empire's wholesale electric supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc.

Empire’s Board of Directors approved this increase in a board meeting held on November 26, 2012. A public meeting was noticed and held at the San Juan County Commission Chamber in Monticello, Utah on December 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Table 3 - Comparison of Average kWh Monthly Charges follows:

| Rate Class (average kWh monthly usage) | Current Charge | Proposed Charge | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Residential</u> (672 kWh) | \$95.24 | \$95.24 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| <u>General Service</u> - single phase (1,176 kWh) | \$152.05 | \$157.13 | \$5.08 | 3.34% |
| <u>General Service</u> - three phase (4,363 kWh) | \$529.10 | \$544.41 | \$15.31 | 2.89% |
| <u>Irrigation</u> - single phase (884 kWh) | \$119.14 | \$130.49 | \$11.35 | 9.53% |
| <u>Irrigation</u> - three phase (2,203 kWh) | \$285.65 | \$300.13 | \$14.48 | 5.07% |
| <u>Large Power</u> 156 kW @ 95% P.F. (49,495 kWh) | \$5,810.03 | \$5,985.43 | \$175.40 | 3.02% |
| <u>Security Lights</u> | | | | |
| 175 Watt MV | \$16.89 | \$21.08 | \$4.19 | 24.81% |
| 100 Watt HPS | \$12.30 | \$15.35 | \$3.05 | 24.80% |
| 250 Watt HPS | \$24.11 | \$30.10 | \$5.99 | 24.84% |
| <u>Street Lights</u> | | | | |
| 175 Watt MV | \$15.09 | \$15.62 | \$0.53 | 3.51% |
| 400 Watt MV | \$30.74 | \$31.82 | \$1.08 | 3.51% |
| 100 Watt HPS | \$11.51 | \$11.91 | \$0.40 | 3.48% |
| 250 Watt HPS | \$22.85 | \$23.65 | \$0.80 | 3.50% |

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

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