Notice of Public Meeting City of Monticello Utah Overhead Street Light Rate Class Tariff Change Effective January 1, 2014

This notice is to inform the City of Monticello and Empire Electric Association's Utah customers of a public meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at: City of Monticello, 17 North 100 East, Monticello, Utah 84535

Empire Electric Association Inc. (Empire) representatives will be on hand to answer questions about a proposed 2.5 percent rate increase in the Overhead Street Lighting Rate Class scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2014. All customers of Empire are invited to attend the meeting.

The 2.5% increase in the Overhead Street Lighting Rate Class is meant to recover costs to operate and maintain the overhead street lighting systems within the five municipals Empire serves in both Utah and in Colorado. Over the last ten year period or so, Empire has replaced all of the overhead street light heads with heads designed to minimize light pollution.

In addition, Empire has to recover the cost of electricity to light the system. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State) notified Empire that they will raise rates about 1.6 percent effective January 1, 2014. As a reminder, Empire does not generate electricity. Empire is a not-for-profit rural electric distribution cooperative that delivers electricity generated by Tri-State to Empire's customers in our service territory to meet their electricity requirements.

By municipal ordinance, Empire's rate increase is capped at a value not to exceed the Consumer Price Index. Empire does not fully recover all of its expenses to operate and maintain the overhead street lighting systems in the five municipals, even when the 2.5% increase is applied. The total revenue change in the Overhead Street Lighting Rate Class from current rates will be 2.5%.

The following table provides a comparison of monthly changes in rates:

	Current	Proposed	Dollar	Percent
Overhead Street Lighting Rate Class	Charge	Charge	Change	Change
175-Watt Mercury vapor unit, per lamp per month	\$15.62	\$16.01	\$0.39	2.5
400-Watt Mercury vapor unit, per lamp per month	\$31.82	\$32.62	\$0.80	2.5
100-Watt High-pressure sodium unit, per lamp per month	\$11.91	\$12.21	\$0.30	2.5
250-Watt High-pressure sodium unit, per lamp per month	\$23.65	\$24.24	\$0.59	2.5

For any questions about this notice and/or the rate increase in the Overhead Street Lighting Rate Class please contact Neal E. Stephens, General Manager or Denise Rosenbaugh, Executive Secretary at (970)565-4444 or toll free at 1-(800)709-3726.

A copy of the revised Overhead Street Lighting Tariff is on file at Empire's office at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado, and is available for inspection during regular business hours.

Anyone who desires to complain about the proposed change may file a written complaint at 801 North Broadway, P.O. Box K, Cortez, Colorado, 81321, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date.

The cooperative may hold a hearing to determine what changes will be authorized. The changes ultimately authorized may or may not be the same as those proposed and may include changes different than those tariffs proposed or currently in effect. Anyone who desires to receive notice of hearing, if any, shall make a written request at the above address, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date of the rate increase.



Empire Electric Association, Inc.

801 N. Broadway P.O. Box K Cortez, CO 81321-0676 Phone (970) 565-4444

November 22, 2013

Mr. Prashant Patel
SRD Operations Branch Chief
Rural Development Electric Program
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Stop 1567
14th & Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-1567

Dear Mr. Patel:

This letter is to inform RUS of a proposed change in Empire Electric Association's Overhead Street Lighting tariff. The change will be effective January 1, 2014. This change is applicable to Empire's customers in both Colorado and Utah. This rate change was approved during the budget process at Empire Electric's board meeting November 8, 2013.

We are also enclosing for your information:

- A copy of a Public Notice that has been published in local newspapers of general circulation.
- Empire's notice to both the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and the Utah Public Service Commission

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If you have any questions please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Neal & Stephens / dr Neal E. Stephens

General Manager

cc. Larry W. McGraw, RUS GFR w/ attachments



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November 22, 2013

Ms. Eileen Iciek Associate Vice President National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp 20701 Cooperative Way Dulles, VA 20166

Dear Mr. Iciek:

This letter is to inform CFC of a proposed change in Empire Electric Association's Overhead Street Lighting tariff. The change will be effective January 1, 2014. This change is applicable to Empire's customers in both Colorado and Utah. The board authorized this change at its November 8, 2013 board meeting

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General Manager