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Gary Widerburg, Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South, Fourth Floor
P. O. Box 45585
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Empire Electric Association, Inc. (Empire) is enclosing herewith an original and five (5) copies of the following documents as a filing pertaining to rate changes in Empire's Large Power Service tariff, updates to the Power Cost Adjustment Clause tariff, and a new Transmission Service tariff. These tariffs will become effective January 1, 2016.

- Copy of a public notice to be published in the San Juan Record the first week in December 2015.
- Copy of the Notice to the Rural Utilities Service and National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation of the proposed rate change.
- A copy of the following proposed rate schedules:
 - 27th Revised CO-UT No.3 Sheet 6A - Large Power Service
 - 3rd Revised CO-UT No.3 Sheet 9 - Power Cost Adjustment Clause
 - Original CO-UT No.3 Sheet 14A, 14B and 14C - Transmission Service

These changes are being sent to you without formal Commission hearing as authorized under Utah Code Section 54-7-12. Please stamp one copy "filed" and return to us for our files in the enclosed envelope. A copy is being sent to the Division of Public Utilities as well. We have also sent a copy of the tariffs electronically to psc@utah.gov. Should you need any additional information, contact our Executive Secretary, Denise Rosenbaugh, at denise.rosenbaugh@eea.coop.

The changes in the Large Power Service tariff reflect changes in our power supplier's rates. In this tariff, the Grid Access charge and the Distribution Demand charge are used to recover costs specific to Empire. No changes are proposed for these rates. The Generation Demand, Transmission Demand, and Energy charges are all pass-through charges from our power supplier. The changes in these rates reflect changes that have been made by our power supplier.

The changes in the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Clause tariff also reflect changes in our power supplier's rates. Our power supplier has restructured its rates from essentially an all-energy structure back to a more traditional demand-energy structure. This restructuring has required changes to Empire's PCA calculations.

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The Transmission Service tariff is a new tariff for customers served at transmission voltages. The rates for this tariff were developed using a recent Cost of Service Study.

To answer questions about the rate change, a public meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the City of Monticello's office located at 17 North 100 East, Monticello, Utah, 84535.

Copies of all rate tariffs are on file at Empire's headquarters at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado, and are available for inspection during regular business hours. Any customer who desires to complain about the proposed changes 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.

Empire may hold a hearing to determine what final changes will be authorized. The changes ultimately authorized may or may not be the same as those proposed. Any customer who desires to receive notice of the hearing is required to make a written request at the above address, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date of the rate increase.

Empire's board of directors passed the 2016 budget at the November 13, 2015 board meeting and authorized the changes to the above mentioned tariffs.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Josh Dellinger
General Manager

cc: Division of Public Utilities