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Mr. Victor T. Vu, Deputy Assistant Administrator
Rural Development Electric Program
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Room 0270 South Agriculture Bldg, Stop 1568
14th & Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-1568

Dear Mr. Vu:

This letter is to inform RUS of a proposed change in Empire Electric Association's Large Power tariff and the Power Cost Adjustment Clause, as well as a proposed new Transmission Service tariff to reflect Tri-State Generation and Transmission's proposed changes. The change will be effective January 1, 2016. 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 13, 2015.

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

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 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.

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 and may include changes different than those tariffs proposed or currently in effect. Any customer who desires to receive notice of the hearing, if any, is required to make a written request at the above address, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date of the rate increase.

If you have any questions please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Josh Dellinger
General Manager

cc. John Rabaglia, RUS GFR w/ attachments