



Empire Electric Association, Inc.

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Julie Orchard, 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 Ms. Orchard:

We are enclosing herewith an original and two (2) copies of the following documents as a filing for an increase of certain rates, without formal Commission hearing, as authorized under Section 54-7-12, Utah Code. Please stamp the tenth copy "filed" and return to us for our files in the enclosed envelope. A copy is being sent to the Division of Public Utilities. We have also sent a copy of the tariffs electronically and should you need any additional information, contact our Executive Secretary Denise Rosenbaugh at denise.rosenbaugh@eea.coop.

- Copy of a public notice that is to be published in the San Juan Record next week
- Copy of the Notice to the Rural Utilities Service and National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation of the proposed rate changes.
- Copy of a draft letter included in each consumer's bill (will be send next week).
- Copies of the following proposed rate schedules:

12 th	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 2	Index
24 th	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 3	Residential Service
24 th	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 5A	Commercial and Small Power
23 rd	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 6A	Large Power Service
24 th	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 7A	Security Lighting
22 nd	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 8	Security Lighting
8 th	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 9A	Large Power Coincident Demand
8 th	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 11A	Residential Service (Time of Use)
1 st	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 11C	Commercial Service (Time of Use)
3 rd	Revised Utah PSC No. 3 Sheet 15	Renewable Energy

Empire's **Small Scale Renewable Distributed Generation Tariff 14A-14I** has never been used and has been superseded by Empire's **Net Metering Tariff 16**. Tariff 14A-14I will be deleted in its entirety. You should have this tariff on file, but I am enclosing a copy of each for your reference. Minor wording changes proposed for Empire's **Renewable Energy Tariff 15** will eliminate the cap to the amount of renewable resources that can be purchased from the Cooperative's wholesale power supplier.

We are also enclosing for your information a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Empire Electric Association, Inc. approving the proposed rate increase dated November 18, 2011, and a copy of the

Notice that will be put in each of Empire Electric’s local newspapers at least 30 days prior to this rate increase going into effect.

The average increase in electric rates is 6.3 percent for Empire’s residential, commercial, time-of-use, industrial and industrial large power coincident demand and street/security lighting rate classes. The 6.3 percent increase in rates will allow Empire to recover an increase in wholesale power from Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., of 4.8 percent plus a small 2.7 percent general rate increase. Chart A shows the increases in each category of the rate tariffs. Chart B shows the average dollar and percentage increase in each rate class.

Chart A: Rate comparisons by rate class are shown below:

Residential	Existing Rate (per month)	New Rate (per month)
Basic Charge (1-phase)	\$17.50	\$19.50
Basic Charge (3-phase)	\$33.50	\$37.35
Energy Charge (per kWh)	10.734 ¢	11.271 ¢

Commercial	Existing Rate (per month)	New Rate (per month)
Basic Charge (1-phase)	\$17.50	\$19.50
Basic Charge (3-phase)	\$33.50	\$37.35
Energy Charge (per kWh)	10.734 ¢	11.271 ¢

Residential and Commercial Time of Use	Existing Rate (per month)	New Rate (per month)
Basic Charge (1-phase)	\$22.50	\$25.10
Basic Charge (3-phase)	\$38.50	\$42.90
On-Peak Energy (per kWh)	17.2 ¢	18.06 ¢
Off-Peak Energy (per kWh)	4.7 ¢	4.935 ¢

Industrial Large Power	Existing Rate (per month)	New Rate (per month)
Basic Charge	\$191.25	\$231.15
Demand Charge (per kW)	\$6.15	\$6.41
First 200 kWh/kW Energy Block	9.671 ¢	10.26 ¢
Second 200 kWh/kW Energy Block	7.098 ¢	7.531 ¢
Last over 400 kWh/kW Energy Block	3.792 ¢	4.023 ¢

Industrial Large Power Coincident Demand	Existing Rate (per month)	New Rate (per month)
Basic Charge	\$243.75	\$271.65
Energy Charge (per kWh)	3.614 ¢	3.834 ¢
CP Demand Charge(per kW)	\$24.74	\$25.79
NCP Demand Charge(per kW)	\$6.15	\$6.41

Street Lighting (Light Type)	Existing Rate (per year)	New Rate (per year)
175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$174.48	\$181.08
400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$355.32	\$368.88
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$132.96	\$138.00
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$264.12	\$274.20
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium (security)	\$142.20	\$147.60

Security Lighting (Light Type)	Existing Rate (per month)	New Rate (per month)
175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$16.27	\$16.89
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$11.77	\$12.30
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$23.23	\$24.11

Chart B: Comparison of Average kWh Monthly Charges

Rate Class (average kWh monthly usage)	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<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%

Copies of the revised rate schedules are on file at Empire Electric Association, Inc. Office at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado, and are available for inspection during regular business hours. Anyone who desires to complain about the proposed changes may file a written complaint at 801 North Broadway, P.O. Drawer 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

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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.

To answer questions about the rate increase, a public meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 29 at the San Juan County Commission Chamber, 117 S. Main in Monticello, Utah.

Empire Electric Association, Inc. is a rural electric cooperative distributing electric energy to its members and the public in certificated service areas in southwestern Colorado and parts of San Juan County, Utah. Empire's Utah consumers currently pay the same rates as Empire's Colorado consumers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Neal E. Stephens
General Manager

cc: Division of Public Utilities