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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 pertaining to a rate change in Empire's Overhead Street Lighting tariff, a new Lighting Adjustment Clause tariff, and minor corrections in the Power Cost Adjustment Clause tariff. We have also changed the "Facilities Charge" wording to "Grid Access Charge" in our tariffs, which is a change in terminology only and is intended to be a clarification. These tariffs will become effective May 1, 2015. 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 in the enclosed envelope. A copy is being sent to the Division of Public Utilities as well. We have also sent these tariffs electronically. 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.
- Copies of the following proposed rate schedules:

17 th	Revised CO & UT Sheet 2	Index
25 th	Revised CO & UT Sheet 3	Residential Service
1 st	Revised CO & UT Sheet 4A	Single Phase
1 st	Revised CO & UT Sheet 4B	Three Phase
1 st	Revised CO & UT Sheet 5A	Irrigation Single Phase
1 st	Revised CO & UT Sheet 5B	Irrigation Three Phase
26 th	Revised CO & UT Sheet 6A	Large Power Service
10 th	Revised CO & UT Sheet 6B	Large Power Service
25 th	Revised CO & UT Sheet 8	Overhead Street Lighting
2 nd	Revised CO & UT Sheet 9	Power Cost Adjustment Clause
Original	CO & UT Sheet 11	Lighting Adjustment Clause

A slight increase is proposed for the Overhead Street Lighting rate class. The overhead Street Lighting tariff is meant to recover costs to operate and maintain the overhead street lighting systems within the five municipals Empire serves in Utah and Colorado. A table providing the summary of the proposed charges is included in the attached Notice. This street lighting increase is based upon a corresponding increase in the western region Consumer Price Index (CPI). Empire has also proposed adding a Lighting Adjustment Clause to its tariffs to define how street lighting rates will vary with CPI changes.

Many of Empire's existing rate tariffs contain Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) clauses that allow us to reflect changes in our costs to purchase power. PCA rates can increase or decrease annually depending on whether or not we have over or under recovered our purchased power costs. Minor corrections were made to the PCA tariff to correct errors in the previous version.

Finally, Empire proposes the "Facilities Charge" wording change to "Grid Access Charge" as a clarification of the intent of this rate component.

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 May 1, 2015.

To answer questions about the rate increase, a public meeting is scheduled at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24 in Monticello, Utah at the City of Monticello building located at 17 North 100 East.

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 us.

Respectfully,

EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Josh Dellinger
General Manager

cc: Division of Public Utilities