

**COMPANY OVERVIEW – THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

TO: Chairman Dennis Hedke  
And Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Whitney Damron  
On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company

RE: Corporate Profile of Empire

DATE: January 22, 2013

Chairman Hedke and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, I am pleased to provide the Committee with an overview of the company and its interests in Kansas and beyond.

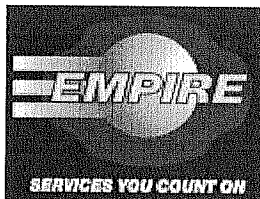
Included with this cover letter is an informational sheet on Empire and its service territory map.

Empire is a Kansas corporation, headquartered in Joplin, Missouri. Of the approximately 215,000 customers the company serves in a 4-state area, approximately 10,000 are from Kansas and all are located in the extreme corner of southeast Kansas.

Empire utilizes a diversified fuel source, including coal, natural gas, wind and hydro. They own their own power generation plants, have partnerships with other utilities for larger power plants and have purchase power agreements with two wind farms in Kansas (Elk River in Butler County and Meridian Way in Cloud County).

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## THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

The Empire District Electric Company is an investor-owned, regulated utility company, based in Joplin, Missouri, that provides electric, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary, The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 215,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the Company also provides fiber optic services. Empire has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange under EDE since 1946.

Service Area Population	More than 450,000
Cities and Towns Served - Electric	120
Cities and Towns Served - Gas	45
Electric Customers	166,477; 149,500 Missouri
Gas Customers	44,082
Average Yearly Residential Usage (KWH)	14,199
Average Residential Price per KWH	\$0.1118
Average Commercial Price per KWH	\$0.0999
Average Industrial Price per KWH	\$0.0772
Employees	746

## EMPIRE GENERATION

Empire owns 1,392 megawatts (MW) of capacity and purchases an additional 65 MW of capacity through purchase power agreements (PPA).

Power Plant	Fuel Source	Power Plant Rating	Percent of Capacity
Asbury	Coal, Tire Derived Fuel	207 MW	14.21%
Riverton	Coal, Natural Gas, Fuel Oil*	279 MW	19.15%
Energy Center	Natural Gas, Fuel Oil	262 MW	17.98%
Ozark Beach	Water	16 MW	1.10%
State Line Combined Cycle (our 60% ownership)	Natural Gas	297 MW	20.38%
State Line Unit #1	Natural Gas, Fuel Oil	94 MW	6.45%
Iatan 1 (our 12% ownership)	Coal	85 MW	5.83%
Iatan 2 (our 12% ownership)	Coal	102 MW	7.01%
Plum Point (our 7.5% ownership)	Coal	50 MW	3.43%
Plum Point	Coal PPA	50 MW	3.43%
Elk River	Wind PPA	150 MW	.48%**
Meridian Way	Wind PPA	105 MW	.55%**

\*To transition to 100% Natural Gas by January 2013

\*\* Empire claims 8 MW of capacity for Meridian Way and 7 MW of capacity for Elk River per Southwest Power Pool (SPP) criteria

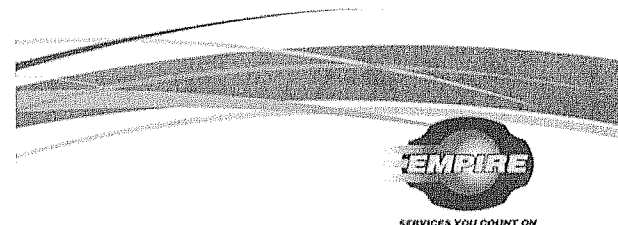
## EMPIRE PEAK DEMAND

Empire's electric all-time summer peak load is 1,198 MW and occurred on August 2, 2011. Our all-time winter peak of 1,199 MW was set on January 8, 2010. Empire's gas maximum daily flow was a volume of 73,271 Mcf on January 7, 2010.

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