

Notice – Empire Electric Association, Inc.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & TARIFF UPDATES

At its November 10, 2017 board meeting, Empire Electric Association's Board of Directors voted to edit Empire's Large Power, Transmission Service, and Net Metering tariffs.

The Large Power tariff is for consumers who require 3-phase service and at least 37.5 kVA of transformer capacity. Larger commercial and industrial services are typically served under this tariff. Changes include updating the Generation Demand, Transmission Demand, and Energy charges to match Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association's present rates. Tri-State is Empire's wholesale power provider and these charges are pass-through charges from Tri-State. Changes also include textual edits meant to add clarity to the tariff.

The Transmission Service tariff is for consumers who take service at transmission level voltage (44 kV and above). Very large commercial and industrial services are typically served under this tariff. Changes include updating the Generation Demand, Transmission Demand, and Energy charges to match Tri-State's present rates. Again, these charges are pass-through charges from Tri-State. Changes also include applying the discount for installations where no Empire equipment is involved to the Distribution Demand charge rather than the Generation and Transmission Demand charges as it is currently. Corresponding revenue-neutral increases to the Distribution Demand charge and the discount have also been made to complement this change. Additionally, the Distribution Demand window will be increased from 15 to 30 minutes. This will be a cost benefit to members under this tariff because it lengthens the window in which demand is measured. Changes also include textual edits meant to add clarity to the tariff.

The Net Metering tariff is for members who own generators that are connected behind the meter that serves their home or business. The changes are primarily textual edits meant to add simplicity and clarity to the tariff. Language better suited to other documents, such as liability and indemnification language, will be removed. A statement that allows Empire to pass through any Tri-State charges, such as the standby rate, to those who trigger such charges will be added. The Tri-State standby charges presently apply only to installations that are 1 MW and larger. Empire presently does not have any net metered installations that large, so this will not currently affect any net metered members. The annual true-up date will be changed from December 31 to April 30. This will allow any banked excess generation from the more productive summer months to be used throughout the entire winter. Options for dealing with excess generation will also be added. One option is to pay out excess generation at the annual true-up and the other is to not pay out for excess generation but allow it to roll over indefinitely.

These changes are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2018. A public meeting to discuss these changes is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at Empire's main office located at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado. For any questions about this notice and/or the proposed changes, please contact Josh Dellinger, General Manager, or Mary Thiesing, Corporate Operations Manager, at (970)565-4444 or toll free at 1-(800)709-3726.

Copies of all tariffs are on file at Empire's office at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado. These are available for inspection during regular business hours.