



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

December 2, 2014

Via E-mail

Laurie A. Delano
Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Empire District Electric Company
602 S. Joplin Avenue
Joplin, Missouri 64801

**Re: Empire District Electric Company
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013
Filed February 21, 2014
File No. 1-03368**

Dear Ms. Delano:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Allegretto

James Allegretto
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant