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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name The Empire District Electric Company			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported PO BOX 127 Joplin MO 64802 USA			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City State/Zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name Michael A. Poling	Telephone (202) 508-5276	E-mail (optional) MAP302@aol.com	5. Senate ID # 13520-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self			6. House ID # 30435000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report
10. Check if this is a Termination Report >> Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$20,000.00</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

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15. General issue area code BUD (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

Language in House VA-HUD FY 2001 appropriations bill relating to EPA ruling on Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Clean Water Act

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding in the Administration's FY 2001 budget proposal

Funding for clean air, energy efficiency, and climate change programs in the Administration's FY 2001 budget proposal

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Energy
Environmental Protection Agency
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
McIntyre, Yvonne A.		No
Poling, Michael A.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Cmte Counsel	No
Gipson, William L.		No

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

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16	Lobbying Issues	

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15. General issue area code CAW (one per page)
16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.4861, Clean Power Act, Address emissions of acid rain and greenhouse gases; encourage development of renewable resources
S.673, Omnibus Mercury Emissions Reduction Act of 1999, Reduction of electric utility mercury emissions
S.1949, Clean Power Plant and Modernization Act of 1999, Reductions of/caps for electric utility emissions of NOx, SO2, CO2 and mercury
S.172, Acid Deposition and Ozone Control Act, Reduction of electric utility NOx and SO2 emissions
H.R.657, Acid Deposition Control Act, Reduction of electric utility NOx and SO2 emissions
H.R.2980, Clean Power Plant Act of 1999, Reductions of/caps for electric utility emissions of NOx, SO2, CO2 and mercury
H.R.2900, Clean Smokestacks Act of 1999, Reduction of electric utility NOx, SO2 and mercury emissions
H.R.25, Acid Deposition and Ozone Control Act, Reduction of electric utility NOx and SO2 emissions

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Environmental Protection Agency
Executive Office of the President
House of Representatives
Senate

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Poling, Michael A.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Cmte Counsel	No
Gipson, William L.		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	S.2417, Water Pollution Program Enhancements Act of 2000, EPA ruling on Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Clean Water Act
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4592, Water Pollution Program Improvement Act of 2000, EPA ruling on Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Clean Water Act
16	Lobbying Issues	EPA NOx SIP Call rule and revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and PM 2.5
		Mercury regulations
		EPA revised rule for new source review (NSR)
		EPA/DOJ electric utility NSR violations enforcement initiative
		EPA ruling on Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Clean Water Act

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15. General issue area code ENV (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 4861, Clean Power Act, Address emissions of acid rain and greenhouse gases; encourage development of renewable resources

S.1776, Climate Change Energy Policy Response Act, Coordination of federal climate change activities; promotion of climate change technology, research and development

S.1457, Forest Resources for the Environment and the Economy Act, Forestry projects related to reduction of atmospheric CO2 concentrations

H.R.2718, Brownfields Remediation Waste Act, Regulation of remediation waste separately from hazardous waste

H.R.2520, Credit for Voluntary Actions Act, Credit for voluntary efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

S.1066, Carbon Cycle and Agricultural Best Practices Research Act, Promotion of education and research on agricultural practices and equipment to supplement and increase carbon storage in soils

S.547, Credit for Voluntary Reductions Act, Credit for voluntary efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Agriculture

Department of Defense

Department of Energy

Department of Transportation

Department of Treasury

Environmental Protection Agency

Executive Office of the President

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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McIntyre, Yvonne A.		No
Poling, Michael A.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Cmte Counsel	No
Gipson, William L.		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	S.882, Energy and Climate Policy Act of 1999, Providing incentives for and removing barriers to voluntary efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2221, Small Business, Family Farms, and Constitutional Protection Act, Prevention of Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol prior to Senate ratification
16	Lobbying Issues	Toxic Release Inventory
		Superfund - issues relating to recycling of coal-ash and lighting waste
		EPA regulatory determination on RCRA Bevill fossil fuel combustion wastes
		Administration supported programs related to Global Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol
		Funding for climate change programs in the Administration's FY 2001 budget proposal
17a	House of Congress/Agencies	House of Representatives
17a	House of Congress/Agencies	Office of the Vice President
17a	House of Congress/Agencies	Senate

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15. General issue area code RRR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

- S.1590, Surface Transportation Board Improvement Act of 1999, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
- H.R.3446, Surface Transportation Board Reform Act of 1999, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
- H.R.3398, Surface Transportation Board Modernization Act, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
- H.R.3163, Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 1999, Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Board
- H.R.2784, Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act of 1999, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
- S.2604, Rail Competition Enforcement Act, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
- H.R.4514, Rail Merger Reform and Customer Protection Act, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
- S.747, Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 1999, Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Board and captive shipper relief
- S.98, Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 1999, Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Board

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Transportation (Surface Transportation Board)
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
McIntyre, Yvonne A.		No
Poling, Michael A.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Cmte Counsel	No
Gipson, William L.		No

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Item	Description	Data
16	Lobbying Issues	S.621, Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act of 1999, Railroad competition and captive shipper relief
16	Lobbying Issues	Administration actions relating to reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Board Language in the FY 2001 Department of Transportation Appropriations bill relating to the Surface Transportation Board's efforts to promote competition in the railroad industry

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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 4971, Electric Power Industry Tax Modernization Act, Tax-exempt bond financing and income tax on commercial sales for government-owned (municipal) utilities; tax treatment of contributions in aid of construction; taxation of transmission assets placed in a regional transmission organization

H.R. 4959, Unfiled, Modify depreciation of property used in electricity generation

S. 2967, Electric Power Industry Tax Modernization Act, Tax-exempt bond financing and income tax on commercial sales for government-owned (municipal) utilities; tax treatment of contributions in aid of construction; taxation of transmission assets placed in a regional transmission organization

S.1777, Climate Change Tax Amendments of 1999, Providing tax credits and incentives for voluntary reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

H.R.721, Bond Fairness and Protection Act of 1999, Tax-exempt bond financing and income tax on commercial sales for government-owned (municipal) utilities

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Energy
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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McIntyre, Yvonne A.		No
Pfing, Michael A.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Cmte Counsel	No
Gipson, William L.		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	H.R. 1253, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing by governmentally owned electric utilities and to subject certain activities of such utilities., Tax-exempt bond financing and income tax on commercial sales for government-owned (municipal) utilities
16	Lobbying Issues	S.386, Bond Fairness and Protection Act of 1999, Tax-exempt bond financing and income tax on commercial sales for government-owned (municipal) utilities
16	Lobbying Issues	Tax incentives for climate change and energy efficiency programs included in the Administration's FY 2001 budget proposal

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15. General issue area code UTI (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

- S.1284, Electric Consumer Choice Act, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
- H.R.667, The Power Bill, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
- H.R.971, Electric Power Consumer Rate Relief Act of 1999, Amendment of PURPA to facilitate the reduction of the costs of mandatory power purchase contracts
- H.R.1138, Ratepayer Protection Act, Repeal of the mandatory purchase obligation (Sec. 210) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)
- H.R.1587, Electric Energy Empowerment Act of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
- H.R.1828, Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
- H.R.2050, Electric Consumers' Power To Choose Act of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
- H.R.2363, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999, Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act
- S.313, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999, Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

- Department of Energy
- Department of Treasury
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Executive Office of the President
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- House of Representatives
- Senate

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Poling, Michael A.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Cmte Counsel	No
Gipson, William L.		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	S.516, Electric Utility Restructuring Empowerment and Competitiveness Act of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1273, Federal Power Act Amendments of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R. 4941, National Electric Reliability Act, Electric utility reliability
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1047, Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2645, To provide for the restructuring of the electric power industry, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2098, Electric Power Market Competition and Reliability Act, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2071, Electric Reliability 2000 Act, Electric utility reliability
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2569, Fair Energy Competition Act of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2602, National Electricity Interstate Transmission Reliability Act, Electric utility reliability
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2734, Community Choice for Electricity Act of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2786, Interstate Transmission Act, Transmission issues relating to electric utility restructuring
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1369, Clean Energy Act of 1999, Electric utility industry restructuring and competition
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2886, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2000, Electric utility industry competition; repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act; amend tax-exempt bond financing and income tax on commercial sales for government-owned (municipal) utilities
16	Lobbying Issues	S.282, Transition to Competition in the Electric Industry Act, Repeal of the mandatory purchase obligation (Sec. 210) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act
16	Lobbying Issues	All issues relating to the restructuring of and competition in the electric utility industry
		FERC regional transmission organization final rule
		The Administration's electric utility restructuring proposal

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client
McIntyre, Yvonne A.

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership % in client

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client, or affiliated organization

Signature William L. Gipson Date 2/14/2001

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