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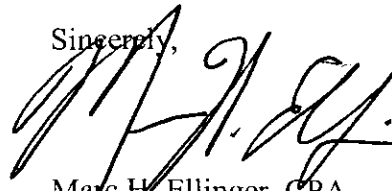
RE: The Empire District Electric Company
Case No. ER-2008-0093

Dear Ms. Dale:

Enclosed for filing please find the Application of General Mills, Inc. to Intervene regarding the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Empire District Electric)	<u>Case No. ER-2008-0093</u>
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority)	Tariff File No. YE-2006-0205
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)	
Service Provided to Customers in the)	
Missouri Service Area of the Company)	

APPLICATION OF GENERAL MILLS, INC. TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW General Mills, Inc., by and through counsel, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, and applies to intervene and become a party in the above-referenced case, and in support of its Application to Intervene states as follows:

1. General Mills, Inc. ("Intervenor") is a corporation authorized to do business in Missouri, with facilities in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, and receives its electric service from Empire District Electric Company ("Empire").
2. General Mills, Inc. is a major user of electric power. Intervenor's interest in proceedings affecting the rates for electric service from Empire has been previously recognized by the Missouri Public Service Commission, in permitting other major power users to intervene in prior Empire and other electric utility rate-related proceedings.
3. On October 1, 2007, Empire filed proposed tariffs reflecting an annual revenue increase of over \$34 million, an increase of over 10%.
4. On October 3, 2007, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an Order suspending the proposed rates and tariffs and directing an investigation of the proposals, setting an intervention deadline, scheduling a hearing, and setting a pre-hearing conference. This Application to Intervene is timely under that Order.

5. Intervenor states, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), that it is opposed to any unreasonable or unjust increase in electric rates that would create financial hardship or undue discrimination to General, Mills Inc. This is unsure of the position Intervenor will take with respect to the requests contained in Empire's filing.

6. Intervenor's interest, as a major electrical power user, is different from that of the general public and such interest may be adversely affected by any final order arising from this case.

7. Correspondence, communications, orders and decisions in this matter should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Intervenor General, Mills Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application to Intervene in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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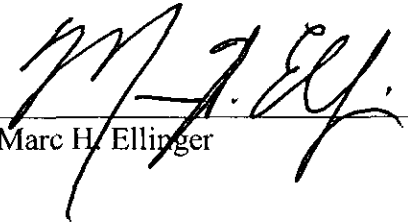
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing Application to Intervene were sent U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following parties on this 17th day of October, 2007:

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