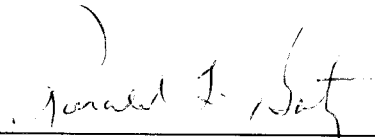


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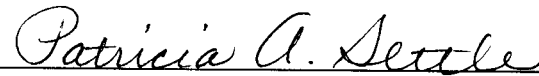
STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 28th day of November, 2006, before me appeared Ronald F. Gatz, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Vice President of The Empire District Gas Company and acknowledges that he has read the above and foregoing document and believes that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.



Ronald F. Gatz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 2006.



Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

