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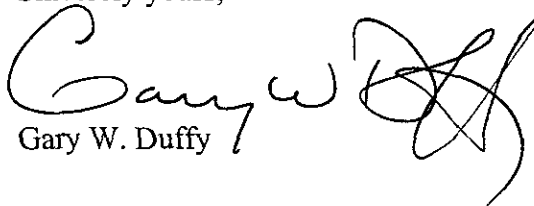
RE: Empire District Electric Company Case No. EM-2000-145 consolidated with
Westar Generating, Inc. Case No. EA-2000-153

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and fourteen copies of a First Amended Application in this matter.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures
cc w/encl:

Office of Public Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Marty Bregman
Jim Fischer

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

In the matter of the application of The Empire)
District Electric Company for permission and)
authority to transfer a partial, undivided)
interest in certain generation facilities, land and)
related property owned by it to Westar)
Generating, Inc. in accordance with a contract)
dated July 26, 1999.)

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

In the Matter of the Application of Westar)
Generating, Inc. for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,)
Manage, and Maintain Electric Production)
Facilities in Jasper County, Missouri, Pursuant)
to the terms of a July 26, 1999 Agreement for)
the Construction, Ownership and Operation of)
State Line Combined Cycle Generating)
Facility.)

Case No. EA-2000-153

FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION

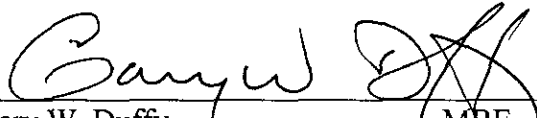
Comes now The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Applicant"), by and through its counsel, and for its First Amended Application pursuant to Section 393.190 RSMo 1994 and 4 CSR 240-2.060(5) in this consolidated case, respectfully states as follows:

1. Empire incorporates by reference all of its original application filed on August 13, 1999.
2. Empire hereby amends said original application by the addition of the following sentence at the end of paragraph 6: In order to achieve the ultimate transfer of these property interests to WGI, Empire anticipates that it will first convey 100 percent of these property interests to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Empire and then cause that subsidiary to convey to each of Empire and WGI their respective undivided property interests in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

3. This amendment is necessary to inform the Commission that the property interests will first be transferred to a subsidiary, and of the temporary use of that subsidiary to accomplish the transfer of the property interests required by the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting it permission to transfer interests as specified in the Agreement and this First Amended Application.

Respectfully submitted,

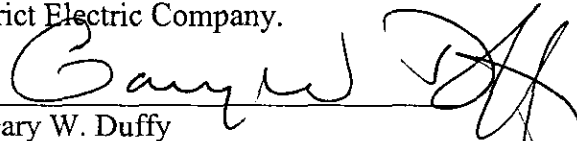


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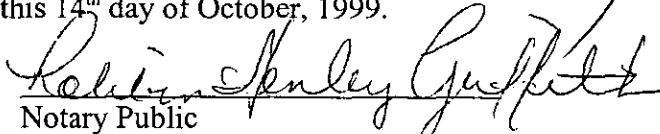
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

On the 14th day of October, 1999, before me appeared Gary W. Duffy, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, acknowledged that he had read the above and foregoing document and believes that the allegations therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, and that the above designated attorneys are authorized to file said amendment on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company.



Gary W. Duffy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 1999.

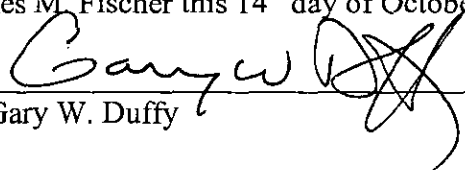


Notary Public

ROBIN HENLEY GRIFFITH
A Notary Public of
Miller County, Missouri
My Commission Expires 12/28/2001
My Commission expires: _____

Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by either hand delivery or first class mail on the Office of the Public Counsel, the office of the General Counsel, Martin J. Bregman, and James M. Fischer this 14th day of October, 1999.



Gary W. Duffy

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