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STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 22nd day of November, 2004, before me appeared W.L. Gipson, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledged 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.

William L. Gipson
W.L. Gipson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November, 2004

Patricia A Settle
Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires

