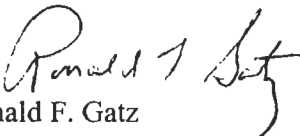



## VERIFICATION

State of Missouri               )  
  ) ss  
County of Jasper               )

I, Ronald F. Gatz, being first duly sworn, state that I am the Vice President Strategic Development of the Empire District Electric Company, that I have been duly authorized to cause to be filed the foregoing Application To Intervene in Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. GM-2005-0136, and that the information contained in said Application To Intervene is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
Ronald F. Gatz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 2004.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

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