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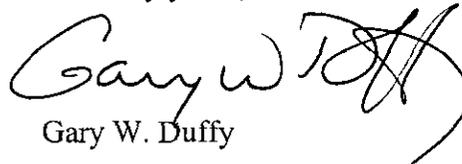
RE: Case No. EO-2000-346

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and fourteen copies of a First Amended Application for Change of Electric Service Provider.

This firm is not acting as the attorney for the applicant in this proceeding. We are only assisting the applicant in getting the proper paperwork filed. If there are any questions about the substance of this filing, you should contact Mr. Hearrell at 417 335-3233 or 417 337-8116.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures
cc w/encl:

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White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Mike Palmer, Empire District
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Jack Hearrell for a Change of Electric)
Supplier from White River Valley)
Electric Cooperative, Inc. to The Empire)
District Electric Company.)

Case No. EO-2000-346

**FIRST AMENDED
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER**

Comes now the Applicant and for his first amendment to the application previously filed in this case on November 29, 1999, respectfully states as follows:

1. Applicant's address is 3830 Green Mountain Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616.
2. The name of Applicant's current electric service provider is White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("White River").
3. Applicant requests the Missouri Public Service Commission to order a change of electric supplier from White River to The Empire District Electric Company for three structures located at Copper Tree Suites in Branson, Missouri, which are owned by Applicant.
4. The request for change of supplier is necessitated by the fact that White River has an existing line on the property which serves the three structures, and has three meters on the property. One meter is on a storage building. One meter is on a house which is being used as a storage building. The third meter is located on a vacant residence. The Applicant intends to construct a 320 unit time share development on the property. The construction of the time share development will require the removal of the existing White River electric line. Because the new structures are all located within the city limits of Branson, Missouri, White River would not be

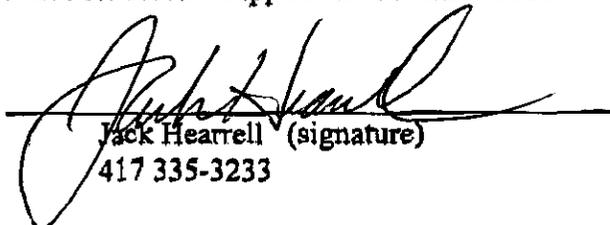
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allowed to serve them because they are not located in a "rural area" under Missouri law. Since the existing White River electric line serving the existing structures has to be removed because of the construction, it is not practical for White River to reconstruct a new line just to continue to serve the three existing buildings. Therefore, it is in the public interest for Empire to be authorized to serve the three existing buildings.

5. This application is not based on service problems with the existing supplier, but rather on the fact that the electric line currently supplying power to the three structures must be removed due to construction of new structures, and it is not practical for White River to rebuild a line just to continue serving the existing structures when Empire, who already has electric service on the premises, will be the only lawful supplier for the new structures. Applicant's representatives have been in contact with representatives of White River and Empire and Applicant understands that White River does not object to this change of supplier, is willing to remove its existing line, and that Empire is ready, willing and able to serve the existing structures if the Commission issues an order authorizing such a change. The Applicant requests that the Commission act on this application as soon as practical.

6. Applicant understands that the Commission ordered this new material to be filed by December 27, 1999. The Applicant is unfamiliar with the procedures of the Commission and requests leave to file this amended application out of time.

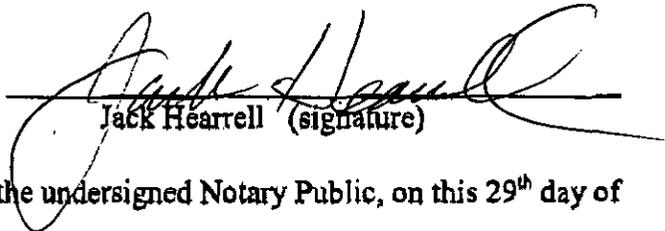
WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the Missouri Public Service Commission to issue an order which authorizes a change in the current electric service supplier for the three structures.


Jack Hearrell (signature)
417 335-3233

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)SS
COUNTY OF TANBY)

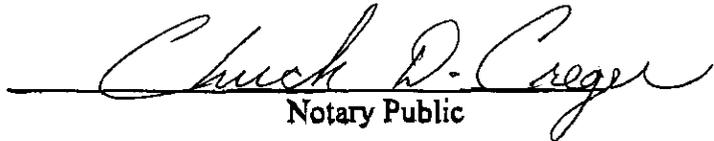
VERIFICATION

Jack Hearrell, on oath, states that he has read the foregoing application and is familiar with its contents and the matters set forth therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Jack Hearrell (signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this 29th day of December, 1999.



Notary Public

My commission expires: JUNE 8, 2002



CHUCK D. CREGER Notary Public
Taney County State of Missouri
My Commission Expires June 8, 2002