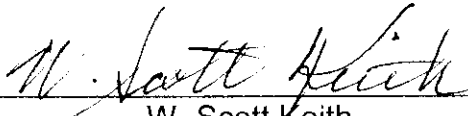


**AFFIDAVIT OF W. SCOTT KEITH**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF JASPER )

On the 29th day of December, 2009, before me appeared W. Scott Keith, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Director of Planning and Regulatory of The Empire District Electric 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.

  
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W. Scott Keith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 2009.

  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 10-30-2010

