

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

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)	
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(11) Net Metering)	
Standard as Required by Section 1251 of the)	Case No. EO-2006-0493
Energy Policy Act of 2005)	

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)	
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(12) Fuel Sources)	
Standard as Required by Section 1251 of the)	Case No. EO-2006-0494
Energy Policy Act of 2005)	

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)	
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(13) Fossil Fuel)	
Generation Efficiency Standard as Required by)	Case No. EO-2006-0495
Section 1251 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005)	

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)	
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(14) Time-Based)	
Metering and Communications Standard as)	Case No. EO-2006-0496
Required by Section 1251 of the Energy Policy)	
Act of 2005)	

In the Matter of the Consideration of Adoption)	
of the PURPA Section 111(d)(15) Interconnection)	
Standard as Required by Section 1251 of the)	Case No. EO-2006-0497
Energy Policy Act of 2005)	

**LIST OF EXPERTS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE
EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

In accordance with the "Order Establishing a Procedural Schedule for On-the-Record Presentations" issued on March 15, 2007, by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), hereby advises the Commission and the parties that the Company intends to file written position statements by one expert, who will also appear at the on-the-record presentations scheduled for April 25, 2007 (in Case Nos. EO-2006-0493, EO-2006-0496, and EO-2006-0497), and April 27, 2007 (in Case Nos. EO-2006-0494 and EO-2006-0495), to respond to questions regarding those statements.

Empire's sole expert will be **David W. Gibson**, who, from 2002 until his retirement in 2006, served as the Company's Vice President – Regulatory & General Services. Mr. Gibson

holds a B.S. degree in Accounting (with Distinction) from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, and he has taken post-graduate courses in computer science at Missouri Southern State College. Mr. Gibson's professional and work experience are as follows: from 4/79 to 12/82, he served as Senior Auditor, where he was responsible for audits involving computer applications and aided in their development. From 12/82 to 9/87, he served as Director of Corporate Planning, where his responsibilities included preparation of O&M budget, demand and energy forecasts, 10-year model projections, rating agency presentations and the company's strategic plan. From 9/87 to 6/91, he served as the Company's Director of Financial & Regulatory Accounting, where he was responsible for the automation of the minimum filing requirements for five jurisdictional, rate case filings. Other regulatory filings included the Form 10-K and the FERC Form 1. From 6/91 to 2/01, he served as Director of Financial Services and Assistant Secretary, where his responsibilities included financial and regulatory accounting, revenue accounting, property taxes, rates, meter reading, and land management. In that position he also coordinated and participated in all of Empire's permanent financings, including common and preferred stock as well as first mortgage bonds, and participated in the implementation of a new customer information system. From 3/01 to 2/02, he served as Vice President - Finance and CFO, where he was responsible for the areas of planning, regulatory, finance, accounting, taxes, secretary and treasury. And, from 3/02 to 4/30/06, he served as Vice President - Regulatory & General Services, where his responsibilities included planning, regulatory, corporate communications, safety and environmental, information services, purchasing and stores, and land management.

Mr. Gibson has been previously qualified as an expert and has provided testimony on behalf of Empire in numerous cases before the Commission.

In addition, Mr. Gibson is primarily responsible for Empire's participation in each of the five dockets identified above, is familiar with all of the issues under consideration in those

cases, and is prepared to articulate the Company's positions on those issues and respond to questions regarding those positions.

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