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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Case No. ER-2002-424

Dear Mr. Roberts:

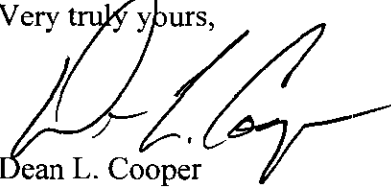
Enclosed for filing on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Joint Motion Of All Parties To Continue Date for Filing of Staff Testimony.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Dean L. Cooper

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Enclosure

cc: John Coffman
Denny Frey
Stuart Conrad

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company of Joplin, Missouri, for authority to)
file tariffs increasing rates for electric service)
provided to customers in the Missouri service)
area of the Company.)

Case No. ER-2002-424

**JOINT MOTION OF ALL PARTIES TO
CONTINUE DATE FOR FILING OF STAFF TESTIMONY**

Come now The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff"), Praxair, Inc. ("Praxair") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), being all the parties to this case, by and through their counsel, and for their Joint Motion of All Parties to Continue Date for Filing of Staff Testimony respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Pursuant to the terms of the Procedural Schedule in this case the filing of Staff testimony related to revenue requirement was originally due August 16, 2002.
2. On August 16, 2002, Empire filed its Motion to Continue Date for Filing of Staff Testimony. On the same date, the Commission issued its Order Changing Filing Deadline. In that Order, the Commission continued the filing date for Staff's testimony until August 19, 2002.
3. Further conversations reveal that a continuance of the Staff filing date would indeed assist in the just and efficient processing of this case. Accordingly, the parties request that the date for the filing of Staff's direct testimony related to revenue requirement be continued until Friday, August 23, 2002. Because the Commission had also originally ordered that direct testimony related to rate design be filed on August 23,

2002, the parties also request that the date for filing of rate design testimony for all parties be continued until Friday, August 30, 2002.

WHEREFORE, the parties move the Commission to continue the date for the filing of Staff's revenue requirement direct testimony until August 23, 2002, and continue the date for the filing of rate design testimony by all parties until August 30, 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 19th day of August, 2002, to all parties of record.

