

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Application of)
The Empire District Electric Compa-)
ny for authority to file tariffs)
reflecting increased charges for)
electric service within its Mis-)
souri service area)

Missouri Public
Service Commission

ER-2001-299
(TF-2001-00518)

INTERVENOR PRAXAIR STATEMENT
RE TEST YEAR

Intervenor Praxair Inc. ("Praxair") respectfully
advises the Commission that it defers to Staff and Public Counsel
as regards a recommendation concerning the appropriate test year.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Application for Leave to Intervene by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart W. Conrad", is written over a horizontal line.

Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: December 15, 2000