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STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 2nd day of November, 2004, before me appeared Gregory A Knapp, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledged 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.

Gregory A. Knapp

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, 2004

Patricia A. Settle
Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires:

Patricia A. Settle
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
County of Jasper
Expires February 09, 2008