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FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: **Empire District Electric Company**
MoPSC Case No. ER-2001-299

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and eight (8) conformed copies of a pleading, which please file in the above matter and call to the attention of the Commission.

An additional copy of the material to be filed is enclosed, which kindly mark as received and return to me in the enclosed envelope as proof of filing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely yours,

FINNEGAN, CONRAD & PETERSON, L.C.

By: 

Stuart W. Conrad

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

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)

Case No. ER-2001-299

INTERVENOR PRAXAIR'S RESPONSE
TO MOTION TO STRIKE

Pursuant to the Order Shortening Time for Response issued September 13, 2001, Intervenor Praxair states that it supports the Staff's Motion to Strike Portions of Company's True-up Brief, or, in the Alternative, for Leave to Respond to Company's True-up Reply Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document by hand delivery, First Class US Mail or electronic means upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding as follows:

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Dated: September 14, 2001

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stuart W. Conrad', written over a horizontal line.

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