

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

In the matter of The Empire Dis-)	
trict Electric Company of Joplin,)	
Missouri for authority to file)	
tariffs increasing rates for elec-)	ER-2006-0315
tric service provided to customers)	
in the Missouri service area of the)	
Company)	

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Stuart W. Conrad of the firm of Finnegan,
Conrad & Peterson, L.C., 3100 Broadway, Suite 1209, Kansas City,
Missouri 64111, and states:

1. Paragraph D.1.c. of the Stipulation and Agreement
filed in Case No. EO-2005-0263, the same being Empire's "Regula-
tory Plan," as approved by the Commission on August 2, 2005,
provides:

Each of the Signatory Parties shall be con-
sidered as having sought intervenor status in
any rate case or rate filings without the
necessity of filing an application to inter-
vene and Empire consents in advance to such
interventions.

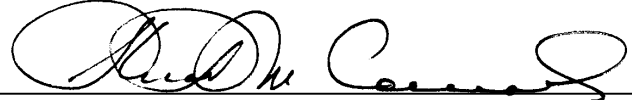
2. Both Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline, Inc.
were signatory parties to that Stipulation and Agreement and this
filing by Empire is a rate filing contemplated by that
Stipulation and Agreement.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to that approved Stipulation
and Agreement, undersigned counsel enters his appearance on

behalf of intervenors Praxair, Inc. and Explorer Pipeline Inc. in
the above proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, CONRAD & PETERSON, L.C.

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February 8, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by email, facsimile or First Class United States Mail to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.

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Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: February 8, 2006