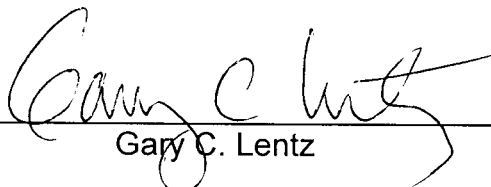


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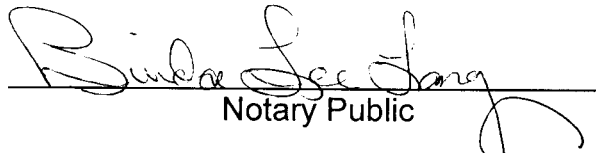
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 27th day of July 2006, before me appeared Gary C. Lentz, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is an Outside Legal Counsel Representing The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledges 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.



Gary C. Lentz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of July, 2006.



Notary Public

My commission expires

