

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

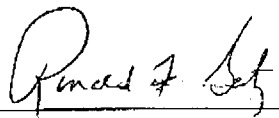
**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

I, RONALD F. GATZ, have been presented a copy of the Protective Order issued in Case No. EW-2004-0596 on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

I have requested review of the confidential/proprietary information produced in Case No. EW-2004-0596 on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company.

I hereby certify that I have read the above-mentioned Protective Order and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
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