

15 January 2008

Mr. Jeff Davis, Chairman Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Case No. EO-2008-0043

Chairman Davis,

The City of Republic has experienced high growth over the last several years and with this growth has come development issues. One of these issues we have been working through is electric service providers for property located in the unincorporated areas of Greene County.

Typically, a developer of a piece of property will annex into the City prior to construction which alleviates any concern for who will be the electric service provider. However, in some instances, a developer will proceed to develop in the unincorporated area of the County prior to annexation. This has occurred in an area south of the City. The proposed Territorial Agreement between The Empire District Electric Company and Ozark Electric Cooperative is one that the City of Republic greatly supports.

This Territorial Agreement, if approved, would ensure proper development of electric infrastructure in the proposed area as the City of Republic and Greene County continue to grow. More importantly, it would provide consistency in the growth area and would allow the developers to work more cooperatively with the City and the respective electric companies. This would allow the developers to know, in advance, who their electric service provider will be and can plan accordingly.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Christopher J. Coulter, AICP Assistant City Administrator

cc: The Empire District Electric Company

Ozark Electric Cooperative

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