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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric	)	•
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority	)	
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric	)	Case No. ER-2008-0093
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri	)	
Service Area of the Company.	- )	

## **NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Issue Date: May 28, 2008

On May 27, 2008 I received the attached letter from Ms. Lisa Pope, Platte County

Assessor.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28th day of May, 2008.

Davis, Chairman



## PLATTE COUNTY ASSESSOR Lisa Pope

May 23, 2008

Mr. Bill Taylor Board President of West Platte School District 1103 Washington Weston, Missouri 64098

Re: Your correspondence of April 28, 2008

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I believe my letter of April 16, 2008 is self explanatory. I reaffirm each and every statement made in my letter. You ignore the fact that the press received a copy of your letter before I received it.

You also ignore my now repeated request that you not refer to the assessment of Iatan as a "discount." There simply is no such creature in the law concerning tax assessments.

After making further inquiry, I can report to you that KCP & L has reported all actual expenditures concerning Iatan. The reported expenditures have been audited by Deloitte and Touche. Reports have been filed under oath with the Energy Department and the Missouri Public Service Commission.

There are literally millions of invoices concerning this project, many of which refer to "soft costs" that would not normally be included in the assessment. The 50% assessment not only seems fair and has been used across the State of Missouri, but it places more money with the District sooner.

Representatives of KCP & L have stated under oath that they have included all costs in their self-reporting statement to this office. If you, or the Board, have evidence to the contrary, it should be reported to the appropriate authorities for possible criminal charges.

Based upon the above, I respectfully decline your offer for a meeting. Should new facts develop, or the law change, be assured that I will be the first to protect the interests of the school children.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pope

Platte County Assessor

C: Jeff Davis, Chairman, Missouri Public Service Commission Lewis R. Mills, Jr., Public Counsel, Missouri Office of Public Counsel