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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY
TO
HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
AND
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
OF MISSOURI, N.A.

Trustees

Thirtieth Supplemental Indenture

Dated as of July 1, 1999

(Supplemental to Indenture dated as of September 1, 1944)

For the Purpose of Amending Section 4.11
Of the Indenture Dated as of September 1, 1944

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THIRTIETH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of July 1, 1999 between The Empire District Electric Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas (hereinafter called the "Company"), party of the first part, and Harris Trust and Savings Bank, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal place of business at 111 West Monroe Street, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Missouri, N.A., a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States of America, and having its principal corporate trust office located in St. Louis, MO (successor to Mercantile Bank of Western Missouri, Joplin, MO as set out in Resignation and Appointment Agreement dated July 28, 1997, recorded with the Recorder of Deeds in Carthage, MO and successor at Book 1558 Page 502-509.) (hereinafter sometimes called respectively the "Principal Trustee" and the "Missouri Trustee" and together the "Trustees" and each thereof a "Trustee"), as Trustees, parties of the second part.

Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of September 1, 1944 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Original Indenture"), to secure an issue of First Mortgage Bonds of the Company, issuable in series, and created thereunder a series of bonds designated as First Mortgage Bonds, 3-1/2% Series due 1969, being the initial series of bonds issued under the Original Indenture; and

WHEREAS the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustees twenty-nine Supplemental Indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Dated</u>
First Supplemental Indenture	as of June 1, 1946
Second Supplemental Indenture	as of January 1, 1948
Third Supplemental Indenture	as of December 1, 1950
Fourth Supplemental Indenture	as of December 1, 1954
Fifth Supplemental Indenture	as of June 1, 1957
Sixth Supplemental Indenture	as of February 1, 1968
Seventh Supplemental Indenture	as of April 1, 1969
Eighth Supplemental Indenture	as of May 1, 1970
Ninth Supplemental Indenture	as of July 1, 1976
Tenth Supplemental Indenture	as of November 1, 1977
Eleventh Supplemental Indenture	as of August 1, 1978
Twelfth Supplemental Indenture	as of December 1, 1978
Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture	as of November 1, 1979
Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture	as of September 15, 1983
Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture	as of October 1, 1988
Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture	as of November 1, 1989
Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture	as of December 1, 1990
Eighteenth Supplemental Indenture	as of July 1, 1992
Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture	as of May 1, 1993
Twentieth Supplemental Indenture	as of June 1, 1993
Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture	as of October 1, 1993
Twenty-Second Supplemental Indenture	as of November 1, 1993
Twenty-Third Supplemental Indenture	as of November 1, 1993
Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Indenture	as of March 1, 1994
Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Indenture	as of November 1, 1994
Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Indenture	as of April 1, 1995
Twenty-Seventh Supplemental Indenture	as of June 1, 1995
Twenty-Eighth Supplemental Indenture	as of December 1, 1996
Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Indenture	as of April 1, 1998

me for the purpose of creating an additional series of bonds and of conveying additional property of the company, and some for the purpose of modifying or amending provisions of the Original Indenture (the Original Indenture, all said Supplemental Indentures and (except where the context otherwise requires) this Supplemental Indenture are herein collectively called the "Indenture"); and

WHEREAS none of the Bonds issued under the First through Thirteenth or the Fifteenth, Sixteenth or Nineteenth Supplemental Indentures are outstanding as of the date hereof; and

WHEREAS in each of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth through Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fifth through Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Indentures (collectively, the "Applicable Supplemental Indentures"), under which the Bonds of the 9-3/4% Series due 2020, the 7-1/2% Series due 2002, the 7-1/4% Series due 2028, the 7% Series due 2023, the 5.30% Pollution Control Series due 2013, the 5.20% Pollution Control Series due 2013, the 8-1/8% Series due 2009, the 7.60% Series due 2005, the 7-3/4% Series due 2025, the 20% Series due 2016 and the 6.50% Series due 2010 were issued and under which series of Bonds are currently outstanding, the Company agreed that the covenant set forth in Section 4.11 of the Original Indenture would continue in effect for so long as any Bonds of the particular series issued under such Supplemental Indenture were outstanding; and

WHEREAS pursuant to *Article 15* of the Original Indenture and in accordance with the provisions, terms and conditions thereof, the modification of the Indenture hereinbelow set forth has been duly made, the same having been made by the written consent of the holders of at least 60% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds entitled to consent with respect to such modification, which modification was duly approved by the Company as evidenced by a certified resolution of the Board of Directors filed with the Principal Trustee; and

WHEREAS, *Section 14.01* of the Original Indenture provides that the Company and the Trustees may enter into indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture, which thereafter shall form a part thereof, to give effect to actions taken by bondholders pursuant to the provisions of *Article 15* of the Original Indenture, and *Sections 15.09* and *15.10* of the Original Indenture provide that instruments supplemental to the Original Indenture embodying any modifications or alterations of the Indenture made by written consent of bondholders may be executed by the Trustees and the Company; and

WHEREAS the Company and the Trustees desire to execute this Supplemental Indenture embodying the modifications of the Indenture made and approved as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Company has authorized the Company to enter into this Thirtieth Supplemental Indenture (herein sometimes referred to as "this Thirtieth Supplemental Indenture" or "this Supplemental Indenture") for the purpose of embodying the modification of the Indenture made and approved as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS the Company represents that all acts and things necessary have happened, been done, and been performed, to make this Supplemental Indenture a valid and binding instrument, in accordance with its terms:

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS THIRTIETH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITNESSETH: That The Empire District Electric Company, the Company herein named, in consideration of the premises and of One Dollar (\$1.00) to it duly paid by the Trustees at or before the enrolling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Trustees hereby agree as follows.

ARTICLE I

Modification of Indenture

Section 1. Section 4.11 of the Indenture is hereby amended so as to delete the following sentence, which is the last sentence of Section 4.11 of the Original Indenture:

"Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event that pursuant to the provisions of *Article 12* a successor corporation shall have succeeded to the rights and liabilities of the Company hereunder, the date of such succession shall, for the purpose of the performance of this covenant thereafter, be substituted in lieu and in place of the dates August 31, 1944 and September 1, 1944 wherever said dates or either of them are used in this §4.11, and such successor corporation shall be deemed to have assumed said covenant modified as to dates as aforesaid."

Section 2. Each of the Applicable Supplemental Indentures shall be construed to continue in effect the covenant set forth in Section 4.11 of the Original Indenture as amended hereby.

ARTICLE II

The Trustees

The Trustees hereby assent to the amendment and modification of the Indenture set forth in *Article I* hereof.

ARTICLE III

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. The Original Indenture as heretofore and hereby supplemented and amended is in all respects ratified and confirmed; and the Original Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture and all other indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument. Neither the execution of this Supplemental Indenture nor anything herein contained shall be construed to impair the lien of the Original Indenture as heretofore supplemented on any of the property subject thereto, and such lien shall remain in full force and effect as security for all bonds now outstanding or hereafter issued under the Indenture. All terms defined in *Article 1* of the Original Indenture, as heretofore supplemented, for all purposes of this Supplemental Indenture, shall have the meanings therein specified, unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 2. Bonds authenticated and delivered after the date hereof in exchange or substitution for Bonds of a series outstanding on the date hereof need not bear a notation of the amendment and modification of the Indenture provided for herein.

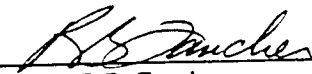
Section 3. This Supplemental Indenture may be simultaneously executed in any number of counterparts, and all said counterparts executed and delivered, each as an original, shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 4. Nothing in this Supplemental Indenture contained, shall, or shall be construed to, confer upon any person other than a holder of bonds issued under the Indenture, the Company and the Trustees any right or interest to avail himself of any benefit under any provision of the Indenture, as heretofore supplemented and amended, or of this Supplemental Indenture.

Section 5. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Supplemental Indenture and the amendment and modification of the Indenture provided for herein shall not become effective until (and shall become effective immediately after) the merger of the Company with and into UtiliCorp United Inc. pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of May 10, 1999 between such parties, as the same may be amended or supplemented, has become effective (which shall be the date on which the certificate of merger is duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or at such later date as is agreed to by the Company and UtiliCorp United Inc. and specified in the certificate of merger); *provided, however*, that if the merger has not become effective by May 19, 2005, then this Supplemental Indenture and the amendment and modification provided for herein shall not become effective and shall be of no force or effect.

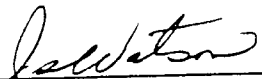
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Empire District Electric Company, party of the first part, has caused its corporate name to be hereunto affixed and this instrument to be signed by its President or a Vice President, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary for and in its behalf; and Harris Trust and Savings Bank and State Street Bank and Trust Company of Missouri, N.A., parties of the second part, have each caused its corporate name to be hereunto affixed, and this instrument to be signed by its President or a Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, or an Assistant Vice President for and in its behalf, all as of the day and year first above written.

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY,


By 
 Name: R.B. Fancher
 Title: Vice President-Finance

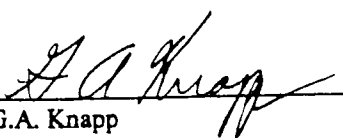
[Corporate Seal]

Attest:


 Name: J.S. Watson
 Title: Secretary-Treasurer

Signed, sealed and delivered by
 THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC
 COMPANY in the presence of:

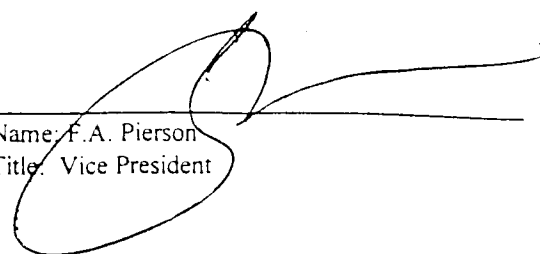

 Name: D.W. Gibson


 Name: G.A. Knapp

HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK,

as Trustee.

By


Name: F.A. Pierson
Title: Vice President

[Corporate Seal]

Attest:

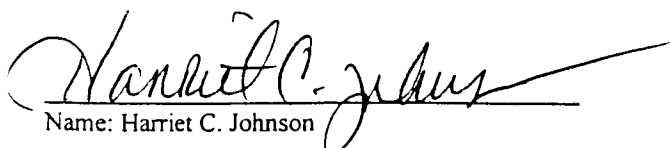


Name Daryl L. Pomykala

Title: Assistant Secretary

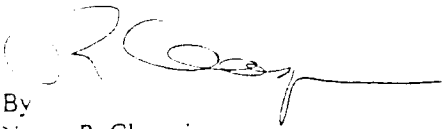
Signed, sealed and delivered by

HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS

BANK in the presence of:


Name: Harriet C. Johnson
Name: Renee A. Johnson

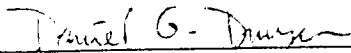
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY⁶
OF MISSOURI, N.A.,
as Trustee,



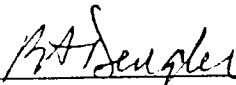
By
Name R. Clasquin
Title: Assistant Vice President

[Corporate Seal]


Attest:



Name: Daniel G. Dwyer
Title: Assistant Vice President
Signed, sealed and delivered by
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF MISSOURI, N.A.
in the presence of:



Name: Rebecca Dengler



Name: Devera Buckley

State of Missouri)
) SS.:
 County of Jasper)

Be It Remembered, and I do hereby certify, that on this 1st day of July, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared R.B. Fancher, the Vice President-Finance of The Empire District Electric Company, a Kansas corporation, and J.S. Watson, the Secretary-Treasurer of said corporation, who are both to me personally known, and both personally known to me to be such officers and to be the identical persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such Vice President-Finance and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, and as the persons who subscribed the name and affixed the seal of said The Empire District Electric Company, one of the makers thereof, to the foregoing instrument as its Vice President-Finance and Secretary-Treasurer, and they each acknowledged to me that they, being thereunto duly authorized, executed the same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein set forth and expressed, and in the capacities therein stated, as their free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

And the said R.B. Fancher and J.S. Watson, being each duly sworn by me, severally deposed and said: that they reside in the City of Joplin, Missouri and Neosho, Missouri, respectively; that they were at that time Vice President-Finance and Secretary-Treasurer, of said corporation; that they knew the corporate seal of said corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal, and was thereto affixed by said Secretary-Treasurer, and the said instrument was signed by said Vice President-Finance, in pursuance of the power and authority granted them by the By-Laws of said corporation, and by authority of the Board of Directors thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official and notarial seal at my office in said County and State the day and year last above written.

My commission expires April 8, 2003.

[Notary Seal]

AMIE M BURDA
 NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MISSOURI
 NEWTON COUNTY
 MY COMMISSION EXP. APR. 8, 2003

Amie M. Burda
 Amie M. Burda
 Notary Public

State of Illinois)
) SS.:
 County of Cook)

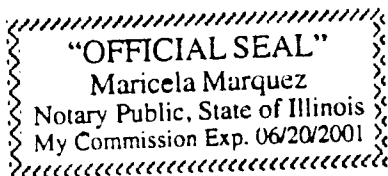
Be It Remembered, and I do hereby certify, that on the 1st day of July, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared F.A. Pierson, Vice President of Harris Trust and Savings Bank, an Illinois corporation, and Daryl L. Pomykala, Assistant Secretary of said corporation, who are both to me personally known, and both personally known to me to be such officers and to be the identical persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, and as the persons who subscribed the name and affixed the seal of said Harris Trust and Savings Bank, one of the makers thereof, to the foregoing instrument as its Vice President and Assistant Secretary, and they each acknowledged to me that they, being thereunto duly authorized, executed the same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein set forth and expressed, and in the capacities therein stated, as their free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

And the said F.A. Pierson and Daryl L. Pomykala, being each duly sworn by me, severally deposed and said: that they reside in Chicago, Illinois, that they were at that time respectively Vice President and Assistant Secretary, of said corporation; that they knew the corporate seal of said corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal, and was thereto affixed by said Assistant Secretary, and the said instrument was signed by said Vice President, in pursuance of the power and authority granted them by the By-Laws of said corporation, and by authority of the Board of Directors thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official and notarial seal at my office in said County and State the day and year last above written.

My commission expires June 20, 2001.

[Notary Seal]



Maricela Marquez
 Maricela Marquez
 Notary Public

State of Missouri)

) SS.:

City of St. Louis)

Be It Remembered, and I do hereby certify, that on this 1st day of July, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the City and State aforesaid, personally appeared R. Clasquin, Assistant Vice President of State Street Bank and Trust Company of Missouri, N.A., a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States of America, and Daniel G. Dwyer, Assistant Vice President of said corporation, who are both to me personally known, and both personally known to me to be such officers and to be the identical persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such Assistant Vice Presidents and as the persons who subscribed the name and affixed the seal of said State Street Bank and Trust Company of Missouri, N.A., one of the makers thereof, to the foregoing instrument as its Assistant Vice Presidents, and they each acknowledged to me that they, being thereunto duly authorized, executed the same for the uses, purposes and consideration therein set forth and expressed, and in the capacities therein stated, as their free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

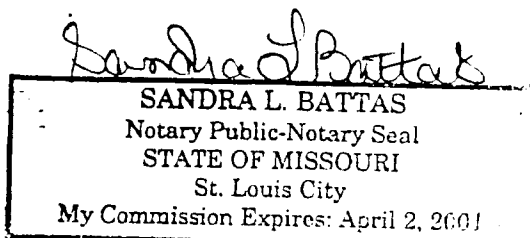
And the said R. Clasquin and Daniel G. Dwyer, being each duly sworn by me, severally deposed and said: that they reside in the City of Highland, Illinois and St Louis, Missouri, respectively; that they were at the time Assistant Vice Presidents of said corporation; that they knew the corporate seal of said corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal, and was thereto affixed by said Assistant Vice President, and the said instrument was signed by said Assistant Vice President, in pursuance of the power and authority granted them by the By-Laws of said corporation, and by authority of the Board of Directors thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official and notarial seal at my office in said City and State the day and year last above written.

My commission expires

[Notary Seal]

Notary Public



THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY
Description of Authorized, Issued
and Outstanding Bonds
June 30, 2003

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First Mortgage Bonds	
<u>Authorized Amount:</u>	\$1,000,000,000
 <u>6.50% Series, Due April 1, 2010</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$50,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	50,000,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on April 1 and October 1, at Rate of 6.50% per Annum.	
 <u>8-1/8% Series, Due November 1, 2009</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$20,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	20,000,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on May 1 and November 1, at Rate of 8-1/8% per Annum.	
 <u>5.3% Pollution Control Series, Due November 1, 2013</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$8,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	8,000,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on May 1 and November 1, at Rate of 5.3% per Annum.	
 <u>5.2% Pollution Control Series, Due November 1, 2013</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$5,200,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	5,200,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on May 1 and November 1, at Rate of 5.2% per Annum.	
 <u>9-3/4% Series, Due December 1, 2020</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$15,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	\$2,250,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on June 1 and December 1, at Rate of 9-3/4% per Annum.	
 <u>7% Series, Due October 1, 2023</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$45,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	\$45,000,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on April 1 and October 1, at Rate of 7% per Annum.	
 <u>7-1/4% Series, Due June 1, 2028</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$14,500,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	\$13,058,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on June 1 and December 1, at Rate of 7-1/2% per Annum.	
 <u>7.60% Series, Due April 1, 2005</u>	
Amount Authenticated	\$10,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	\$10,000,000
 Interest Payable Semiannually on April 1 and October 1, at Rate of 7.60% per Annum.	

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7-3/4% Series, Due June 1, 2025

Amount Authenticated	\$30,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	\$30,000,000

Interest Payable Semiannually on June 1 and
December 1, at Rate of 7-3/4% per Annum.

7.20% Series, Due December 1, 2016

Amount Authenticated	\$25,000,000
Amount Issued and Outstanding	\$25,000,000

Interest Payable Semiannually on June 1 and
December 1, at Rate of 7.20% per Annum.

208,508,000

Secured by an Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of September 1, 1944, as heretofore amended and supplemented by Thirty Supplemental Indentures ("Indenture") made by the Company to The Bank of New York and UMB Bank & Trust, N.A., as Trustees, on all property, real, personal and mixed, tangible and intangible, owned by the Company or hereafter acquired by it, except certain property excepted from the lien and operation of the Indenture.