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Missouri Public
Service Commission

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of)
The Empire District Electric Compa-)
ny for authority to file tariffs)
reflecting increased charges for)
electric service within its Mis-)
souri service area)

Case No. ER-2001-299

INTERVENOR PRAXAIR'S SUPPLEMENTAL
STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW Intervenor Praxair Inc. (Praxair) and pursu-
ant to the Commission's May 24, 2001 Order Directing Filing
supplements its May 16, 2001 Statement of Positions as follows:

8. *Cost of Service - Fuel and Purchased Power*

What should be the appropriate methodology and level of fuel
and purchased power expense for the Commission to adopt in
this case?

Praxair believes that the appropriate amount of fuel
and purchased power expense to include in this case
test year is that which was incurred in the test year.
As regards methodology, allowing recovery of this level
of costs should not include any riders or other matters
similar to a fuel adjustment. Praxair believes that a
fuel adjustment, even on a projected basis, would allow

rates to be set and collected without consideration of all relevant factors and would be in violation of Missouri law.

Respectfully submitted,

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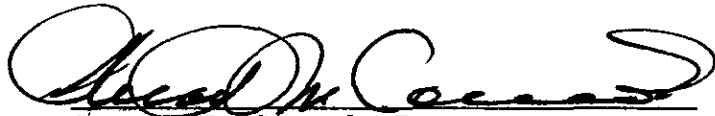
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document by hand delivery or mail upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated: May 29, 2001

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stuart W. Conrad", written over a horizontal line.

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