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Mr. Steven Reed, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: The Empire District Electric Company

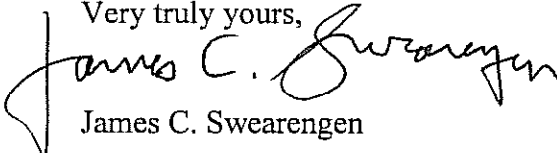
Dear Mr. Reed:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), I am providing herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in electronic format, an application for the issuance of an Accounting Authority Order relating to Empire's electrical operations and for a contingent waiver of the notice requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.020(2). This filing is the result of the May 22, 2011 tornado that occurred in Joplin, Missouri.

In addition, please be advised that in the very near future Empire will make an additional filing with the Commission designed to assist its customers, within the area destroyed by the tornado, in re-establishing electric service and rebuilding Joplin, through a modification of those provisions of its tariffs that relate to reconnection and extension charges.

A copy of this application will be provided to the Commission's General Counsel and to the Office of the Public Counsel.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure