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Ms. Colleen Dale
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 456
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**Re: The Empire District Electric Company
Case No. ER-2006-0315**

Dear Ms. Dale:

Provided herewith for filing in the above-referenced case on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, please find in electronic format the rebuttal testimony and schedules of the following witnesses:

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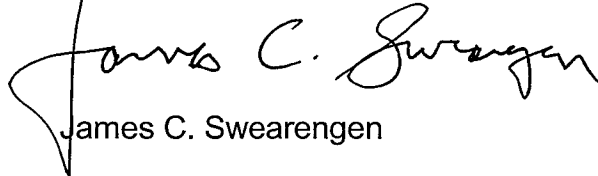
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Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James C. Swearingen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James C. Swearingen

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Enclosure