

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

In the Matter of the tariff filing of The                    )  
Empire District Electric Company                            )  
to implement a general rate increase for                    )  
retail electric service provided to customers                )  
in its Missouri service area                                    )  
Case No. ER-2006-0315

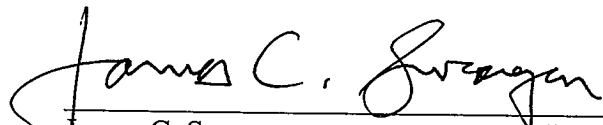
**RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPER TEST YEAR OF  
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by counsel, and for its recommendation regarding the proper test year to use in this case states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

Empire recommends that in this case the Commission use a historical test year ending December 31, 2005, adjusted and updated for any known and measurable changes through March 31, 2006.

WHEREFORE, Empire requests the Commission to order that the above test year to be used in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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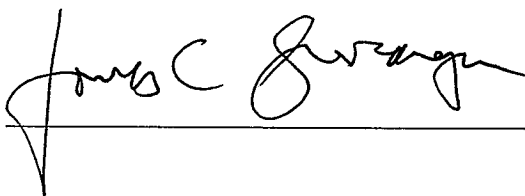
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