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STATE OF MISSOURI) ss COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 2nd day of November, 2004, before me appeared Michael E. Palmer, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Vice President — Commercial Operations of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledged that he has read the above and foregoing document and believes that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

Michael E. Palmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, 2004

Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires:

Patricia A. Settle Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri County of Jasper Expires February 99, 2008