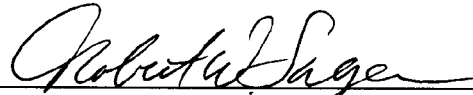


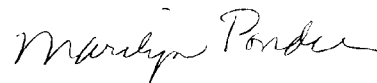
AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT W. SAGER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 25 day of April, 2008, before me appeared Robert W. Sager, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Director of Financial Services of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledges 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.


Robert W. Sager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 2008.


Notary Public

My commission expires: June 27, 2009.

