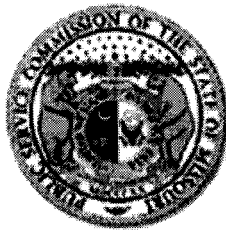


SUBPOENA FOR WITNESS



THE STATE OF MISSOURI. To William L. Gipson, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Empire District Electric Company, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Mo. 64801

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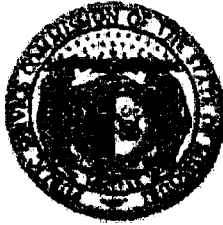
in the County of Cole, in the State of Missouri, to testify at a hearing in the matter of The tariff filing of The Empire District Electric Company to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service provided to customers in its Missouri service area on behalf of Praxair Inc + Explorer Pipeline, and hereof fail not at your peril. And the person or officer serving this writ is commanded to have the same at the time and place aforesaid, certifying thereon his return.

Given under my hand, this 1st day of November, 2006
[Signature] Secretary MoPSC
[Name] [Title]

RETURN

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served the within writ by reading the same in the presence and hearing of the within named Dean Cooper on the 3rd day of November, 2006, in Cole County, in the State of Missouri.
David Woodsmall Attorney-at-law
[Name] [Title]

SUBPOENA FOR WITNESS



THE STATE OF MISSOURI. To Todd W. Tarter, Manager of Strategic Planning,
The Empire District Electric Company, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Mo. 64801

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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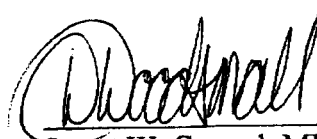
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to implement a general rate increase for)
retail electric service provided to customers)
in its Missouri service area.)

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TENDER OF PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 386.440 RSMo, and coincident with the service of subpoenas requiring the presence of William L. Gipson and Todd W. Tarter at the Commission's hearing scheduled for November 20, 2006, Praxair, Inc. ("Praxair") and Explorer Pipeline, Inc. ("Explorer") hereby offers tender for all fees as provided in that statute. Reimbursement shall be provided promptly upon invoice which provides exact fees and mileage associated with those witness' attendance at the Commission's hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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