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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Executive Secretary
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RE: Case No. ER-2001-299
The Empire District Electric Company

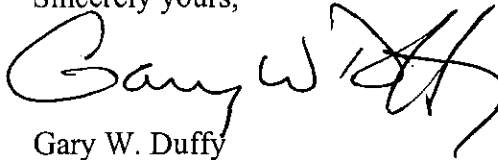
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and eight copies of the following documents:

- Test Year Recommendation
- Request for True-Up and Motion to Reschedule True-Up Hearing

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures

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

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Missouri Public
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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement)
a General Rate Increase for Retail Electric)
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)
Service Area of the Company.)

Case No. ER-2001-299

TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION

Comes now The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by and through its counsel, and for its test year recommendation respectfully states as follows:

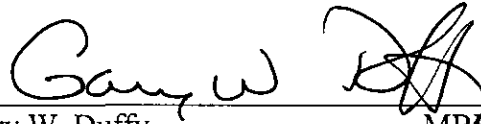
1. In its Suspension Order and Notice issued November 16, 2000, the Commission ordered that Empire shall file, on or before November 30, 2000, a pleading stating its recommendation concerning the proper test year for use in this case.

2. As reflected in the prepared direct testimony (p. 4) of Robert B. Fancher filed on November 3, 2000, Empire recommends as the test year the twelve months ended December 31, 2000. Because of the significant plant addition of Empire's new State Line Combined Cycle Plant (SLCC), which is scheduled to be operational on June 1, 2001, the "test year as updated" should be through and including May 31, 2001, except for costs related to SLCC which would be addressed in the true-up. (See separate pleading filed regarding true-up.) Empire anticipates a postage increase in 2001, and therefore may also propose certain isolated changes such as that.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits its test year recommendation as ordered.

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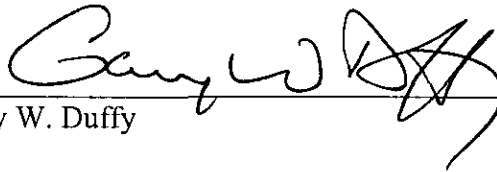
Respectfully submitted,



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