

**AFFIDAVIT OF TODD W. TARTER**

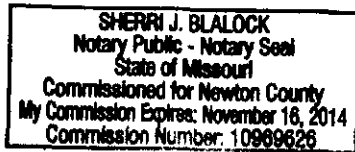
STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF JASPER )

On the 2nd day of May, 2011, before me appeared Todd W. Tarter, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is Manager of Strategic Planning 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.

Todd W. Tarter

Todd W. Tarter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 2011.



Sherri J. Blalock

Notary Public

My commission expires: Nov. 16, 2014