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STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF JASPER )

On the 4th day of November, 2004, before me appeared L.Jay Williams, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Senior Tax Planning Manager 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.

L. Jay Williams  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of November, 2004

Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires: