

AFFIDAVIT OF L. JAY WILLIAMS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 27th day of July, 2006, before me appeared L. Jay Williams, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Manager of Tax 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.

L. Jay Williams
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of July, 2006

Patricia A. Settle
Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires

