

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

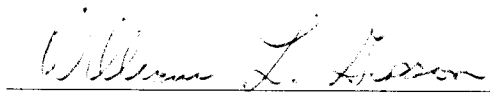
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, William L. Gibson, have been presented a copy of the Protective Order issued in Case No.EW-2004-0596 on the 29th day of September, 2004.

I have requested review of the confidential/proprietary information produced in Case No.EW-2004-0596 on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company.

I hereby certify that I have read the above-mentioned Protective Order and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2004.


William L. Gibson, President & CEO
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