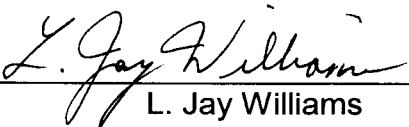


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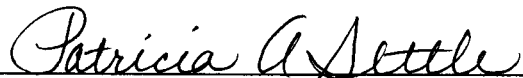
STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 15th day of August, 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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August, 2006



Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires

