VERIFICATION

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County of Jasper)	SS		
I, Ronald F. Gatz, being first duly sworn, state that I am Vice President of The Empire District Gas Company, that I have been duly authorized to cause to be filed the foregoing Application before the Missouri Public Service Commission, and that the information contained in said Application and appendices thereto is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.				
			Ronald F. Gatz	<i>t</i>
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May, 2007.				
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My commission expires:				
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SHERRI J. BLALOCK Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Newton County My Commission Expires: November 16, 20 Commission Number: 06969626	010			