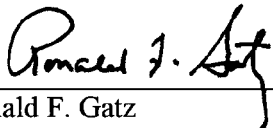


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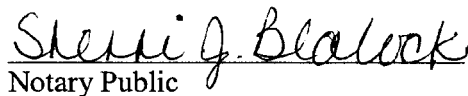
State of Missouri)
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County of Jasper) ss

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of May, 2007.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

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