


VERIFICATION

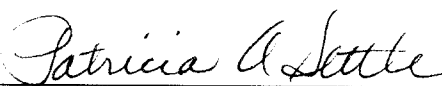
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 29th day of June, 2006, before me appeared Michael E. Palmer, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Vice President – Commercial Operations of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledged that he had read the above and foregoing document and believes that the allegations therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, and that the above designated attorneys are authorized to file said application on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company.



Michael E. Palmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 2006.



Notary Public

My Commission expires:

