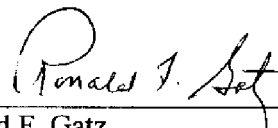


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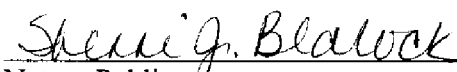
State of Missouri)
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County of Jasper) ss

I, Ronald F. Gatz, being first duly sworn, state that I am the Vice President of The Empire District Gas Company, that I have been duly authorized to cause to be filed the foregoing Application to Intervene in Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. GA-2007-0289, and that the information contained in said Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Ronald F. Gatz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20TH day of February, 2007.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

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