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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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**Re: The Empire District Electric Company,
Missouri PSC Case No. ER-2001-299**

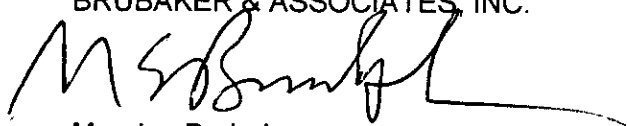
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of the rebuttal testimony and affidavit of Maurice Brubaker in the above matter for filing on behalf of Praxair, Inc.

Copies of this rebuttal testimony have been served on all parties on the attached service list by expedited delivery.

Very truly yours,

BRUBAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC.


Maurice Brubaker

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Enclosures

CC: All Parties on Service List

**State of Missouri
Before the
Missouri Public Service Commission**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's tariff sheets designed to implement)
a general rate increase for retail electric service)
provided to customers in the Missouri service)
area of the Company)
_____)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the rebuttal testimony of Maurice Brubaker on cost of service issues is being forwarded by expedited delivery for receipt on the 3rd day of May, 2001, to all parties on the above service list.

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