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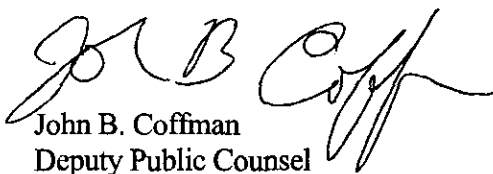
**RE: The Empire District Electric Company
Case No. ER-2001-299**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and eight copies of **Rebuttal Testimony of Kimberly Bolin, Mark Burdette, James Busch and Hong Hu**. Please "file" stamp the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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