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Ms. Colleen Dale Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: The Empire District Electric Company

Case No. ER-2006-0315

Dear Ms. Dale:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), I am providing herewith to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for filing in electronic form the supplemental direct testimony of the following witnesses: W.L. Gipson, Jayna R. Long, Todd Tarter, Richard L. McCord and Steven M. Fetter.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Tames C. Swearengen

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