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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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Missouri Public Service Commission

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 direct testimony and affidavit of Maurice Brubaker in the above matter for filing on behalf of Praxair, Inc.

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

Very truly yours,

BRUBAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Maurice Brubaker

MEB:cs #7513/16692 Enclosures

CC: All Parties on Service List

State of Missouri Before the Missouri Public Service Commission



Missouri Public Se**rvice Commissi**en

| In the Matter of The Empire District Electric |
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| 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 direct testimony of Maurice Brubaker on cost of service issues is being forwarded by expedited delivery for receipt on the 10th day of April, 2001, to all parties on the above service list.

Levrietta Besanconez