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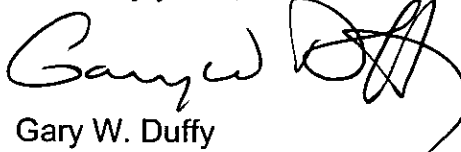
RE: Case No. EA-2002-1119

Good morning:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and eight copies of a Response to Order Directing Filing.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures

cc w/encl:

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company and)
Southwest Electric Cooperative for)
Approval of a Written Territorial)
Agreement Designating the Boundaries)
of Exclusive Service Areas for Each)
Near the Southern Boundary of the City)
of Strafford, Missouri.)

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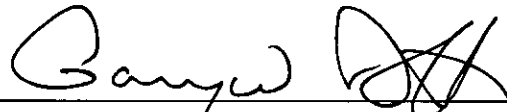
RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and for a response to the Order Directing Filing issued on July 5, 2002, respectfully states as follows:

1. The Commission has set a hearing in this case on August 6, 2002 at 1 p.m. The parties appreciate the Commission acting promptly in response to their request for a hearing date.

2. In response to the portion of the Order of July 5 regarding the filing of a procedural schedule, Empire states on behalf of the other parties its belief that the hearing date alone will be sufficient for a procedural schedule in this case. There are no intervenors and the parties at this point have indicated no opposition to the approval of the agreement. There are no plans to file prepared testimony. The parties anticipate only brief oral testimony at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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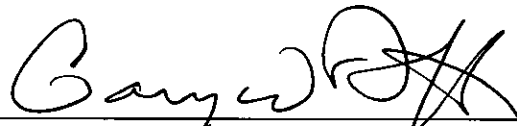
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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing motion was served by hand delivery or mail this 11th day of July, 2002 upon the following:

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