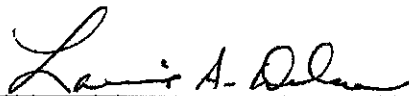


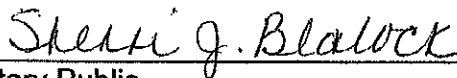
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State of Missouri                     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Jasper                    )

I, Laurie A. Delano, having been duly sworn upon my oath, states that I am the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of The Empire District Electric Company, that I am duly authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company and that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application and appendices thereto are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

  
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Laurie A. Delano

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires: Nov. 16, 2014

