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1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. William "Mack" L. McDuffey, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City,
3 Missouri 65101.

4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

5 A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission)
6 as a Rate & Tariff Examiner in the Electric Department of the Utility Operations
7 Division.

8 Q. How long have you been employed by the Commission?

9 A. I have been employed by the Commission since October, 1978.

10 Q. Have you previously testified before this Commission?

11 A. Yes, I have filed expert testimony in twelve contested cases. In addition, I
12 have been responsible for preparing Staff's recommendations in memorandum form in
13 numerous tariff filings and tariff cases.

14 Q. Please describe your experience, education and qualifications.

15 A. I have over 20 years of experience working with electric, gas, and steam
16 utility tariff issues. I review filed tariffs for technical and clerical changes, work with

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1 regulated electric and steam utilities on rules and regulations revisions, address customer
2 complaints, compile statistical data, respond to document requests, prepare records for
3 microfilming, update various internal Commission records and maps, verify service area
4 descriptions in territorial agreement cases and present testimony in formal proceedings
5 before the Commission.

6 In 1971, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from
7 Southwestern State College of Weatherford, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, I was
8 employed for one year by Caddo Electric Cooperative of Binger, Oklahoma, in the
9 Engineering Department. I then was employed by Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company
10 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in the position of Engineering Technician for five years
11 prior to my employment with the Commission.

12 Q. What is your responsibility in this case?

13 A. I have responsibility for all tariff issues not directly related to the change
14 in rate levels and for reviewing the tariffs that will be filed to comply with the
15 Commission's order in this case. In my rebuttal testimony I will address any
16 miscellaneous tariff issues that have been raised by The Empire District Electric
17 Company (EDE or Company) in its direct testimony.

18 Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony in this case?

19 A. I am presenting the Staff's proposal to change the format of the
20 Company's "Description of Territory" section of its tariff from a listing of counties and
21 communities to a congressional township format.

22 Q. What is the congressional township format?

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1 A. The congressional township format specifies each township, range and
2 section of land that is included in the Company's service area. This may be done either
3 by listing each area served or by including a map with the service area boundaries
4 marked.

5 Q. Why is the congressional township format preferred to a listing of counties
6 and communities?

7 A. It is essential to efficiently and accurately determine if a specific parcel of
8 land is in a company's service area, when determining service areas involved in territorial
9 agreements. The congressional township format provides distinct boundaries for the area
10 currently served by the utility.

11 Q. Do the other electric utilities in Missouri use the congressional township
12 format for their territorial descriptions?

13 A. Three of the state's six regulated electric companies have already
14 converted to this format.

15 Q. What is your recommendation to the Commission?

16 A. I recommend that the Commission order EDE to file revised tariff sheets
17 on or before March 1, 2002 to include in its Description of Territory a description of its
18 Missouri service area in congressional township format. The Staff commits to work with
19 Company to achieve this task.

20 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

21 A. Yes, it does.

