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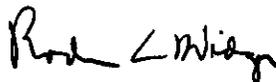
**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and fourteen copies of Entry of Appearance and Statement of Position for White River Valley Electric Cooperative. A copy has been sent to interested parties.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Rodric A. Widger

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cc: Office of Public Counsel
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of the Application of)
Jack Hearrell for a Change of Electric)
Supplier from White River Valley)
Electric Cooperative, Inc., to The Empire)
District Electric Company.)

Case No. EO-2000-346

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE and
STATEMENT OF POSITION**

Comes now the firm of Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace and Johnson, L.L.C. by and through the undersigned counsel, and enters its appearance as counsel of record for White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("White River") in this proceeding.

The undersigned counsel affirms and verifies the following as the position of White River on the matters and issues presented in applicants' First Amended Application for Change of Electric Service Provider:

1. The undersigned has authority to make this statement on behalf of White River.
2. White River does not oppose the relief requested by Applicant and does not contest the facts alleged in the First Amended Application.
3. White River agrees that the relief requested by Applicant is in the public interest, particularly in that it enhances public safety and utility efficiency.
4. White River supports a favorable and timely order allowing Mr. Hearrell to receive service from The Empire District Electric Company and will coordinate efforts to effectuate such order, all without necessity of formal hearing procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace &
Johnson, L.L.C.

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