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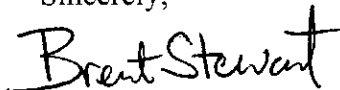
Re: Case No. WR-2003-0500  
Missouri-American Water Company

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case an original and eight (8) copies each of the Position Statement of The Empire District Electric Company.

A copy of this filing has been sent this date to counsel for all parties of record.

Sincerely,

  
Brent Stewart

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Enclosure

cc: Counsel for all parties of record  
Dave Gibson

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company's Tariff to Revise Water and ) Case No. WR-2003-0500  
Sewer Rate Schedules. )

**POSITION STATEMENT OF**  
**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

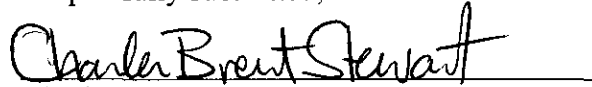
COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to the Commission's Order, issued in the above-captioned case on July 17, 2003, for its Position Statement respectfully states as follows:

1. *Should there be an interruptible rate, and if so, what is an appropriate rate for that service? (Rate Design)*

Empire believes that Missouri-American Water Company's ("MAWC") Joplin District tariffs should provide for an interruptible rate for high volume industrial customers when the water service being provided is interruptible as opposed to firm service, when such industrial customers have alternative sources of water supply, and when other service availability requirements are met. Empire, a large volume user with alternative sources of supply, currently takes service from MAWC on an interruptible basis but is required to pay rates which are based on firm supply. Currently MAWC is not required to maintain minimum water pressure requirements to Empire, MAWC may curtail and/or interrupt water service to Empire, and Empire is required to take service for a long term period with a minimum annual revenue charge. Empire has proposed both an interruptible rate and specimen tariff language which would permit such an industrial interruptible rate.

2. Empire takes no position at this time on any of the other issues specified in the List of Issues filed by the Staff in this case but reserves the right to take a position, or positions, should the need arise during the course of the evidentiary hearing or in post-hearing briefs.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document was sent this date to counsel for all parties of record in Case No. WR-2003-0500 either by electronic mail, depositing same in the U.S. Mail first-class postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

