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Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Re: **Empire District Electric Company
Case No. ER-2001-452**

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and eight (8) conformed copies of **two pleadings**, which please file in the above matter and call to the attention of the Commission.

An additional copy of **each pleading** is enclosed, which kindly mark as received and return to me in the enclosed envelope as proof of filing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely yours,

FINNEGAN, CONRAD & PETERSON, L.C.

By: 

Stuart W. Conrad

SWC:s
Enclosures
cc: All Parties

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Tariff Revi-)
sions of The Empire District Elec-)
tric Company Designed to Increase)
Rates on an Interim Basis for Elec-)
tric Service to Customers in its)
Missouri Service Area)

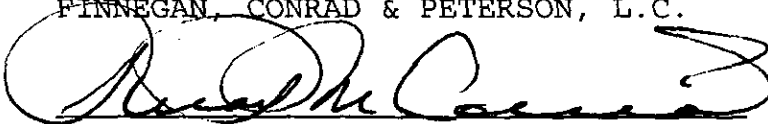
Case No. ER-2001-452

INTERVENOR PRAXAIR'S SUPPORT FOR
MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW Intervenor Praxair Inc (Praxair) and supports
the Motion to Dismiss that was filed herein by Public Counsel on
or about February 26, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the
foregoing document upon each person designated on the official
service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated: March 1, 2001



Stuart W. Conrad, Esq.
An attorney for Praxair Inc.