

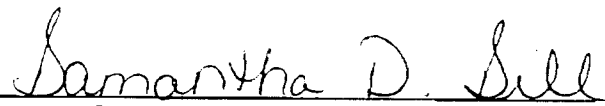
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STATE OF MISSOURI )  
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COUNTY OF JASPER )

On the 23rd day of April, 2004, before me appeared Michael E. Palmer, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Vice President – Commercial Operations of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledged that he has read the above and foregoing document and believes that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

  
Michael E. Palmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 2004

  
Samantha Sill, Notary Public

My commission expires: May 21, 2004

SAMANTHA D SILL  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MISSOURI  
JASPER COUNTY  
MY COMMISSION EXP. MAY 21, 2004

