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**EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY
CASE NO.: ER-2008-0093**

REQUESTED BY: Ryan Kind
REQUESTED FROM: H. Edwin Overcast
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Information Requested: At line 23 on page 8 of his Surrebuttal testimony, H. Edwin Overcast states that "Schedule HEO-SR1 provides evidence of the sharp increases in coal prices since the time that this case was filed." Please specify the percentage of Empire's coal supplies (i.e. the portion of total tons of coal burned in a typical year to serve Empire's load that comes from the specified region) that come from the Powder River Basin region.

Response: In 2007 approximately 86% of Empire's coal burned came from the Powder River Basin ("PRB"). It is important to note that the Eastern coal market pricing places market pressure on PRB prices. This is especially true as exports of Eastern coal increase, and Eastern utilities seek replacement fuel.

See attachment which contains the backup for the percent of PRB used by Empire. Please note that the calculations include Empire's share of the Iatan Power Plant.

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