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STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JASPER)

On the 23rd day of April, 2004, before me appeared W.L. Gipson, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the President and Chief Executive Officer 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.

Wilbur L. Gipson
W.L. Gipson

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

Samantha D. Sill
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

