


**AFFIDAVIT OF BLAKE A. MERTENS**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF JASPER )

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006, before me appeared Blake A. Mertens, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Combustion Turbine Project Construction Manager of The Empire District Electric Company and acknowledges 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.

  
Blake A. Mertens

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006

  
Pat Settle, Notary Public

My commission expires

