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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: The Empire District Electric Company
Case No. EF-98-120**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In accordance with paragraph ORDERED: 1 of the Commission's July 1, 1998, *Order Directing Compliance*, enclosed for filing in connection with the referenced matter are an original and fourteen (14) copies of a **Notice To The Commission**. I would appreciate it if you would see that the copies of the Notice are distributed to the appropriate Commission personnel.

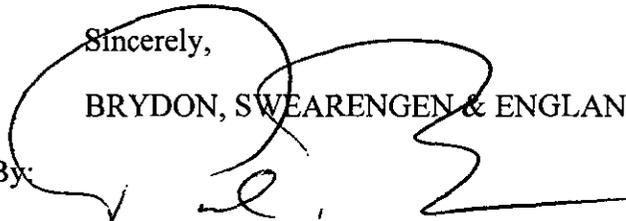
I have enclosed an extra copy of the Notice which I request that you stamp "Filed" and return to the person delivering it to you.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

By:


Paul A. Boudreau

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the application of The)
Empire District Electric Company for)
authority to issue and sell under its)
existing Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of)
Trust dated as of September 1, 1944, as)
amended and supplemented, up to and)
including \$80,000,000 principal amount of)
its First Mortgage Bonds, in one or more)
series and to, among other things, execute)
and deliver a Supplemental Indenture or)
Indentures to provide for the terms of said)
Bonds.)

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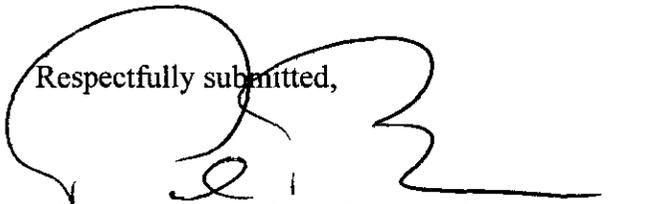
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NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (hereinafter "Empire"), Applicant in the captioned matter, and notifies the Commission that there is no written documentation in Empire's possession which is responsive to paragraph *ORDERED: 9* of the Commission's March 17, 1998, *Order Approving Financing*. Representatives of Empire did verbally inform the relevant rating agencies concerning the terms and conditions of its April 28, 1998, First Mortgage Bond financing.

Empire further notes that its issuance on April 28, 1998, of \$50 million of its First Mortgage Bonds pursuant to the Commission's March 17 order has not exhausted the authority under the shelf registration authorized by the Commission. Accordingly, it would be premature to close the docket at this time. Empire will notify the Commission at such time as it subsequently exhausts its \$80 million financing authorization.

Respectfully submitted,



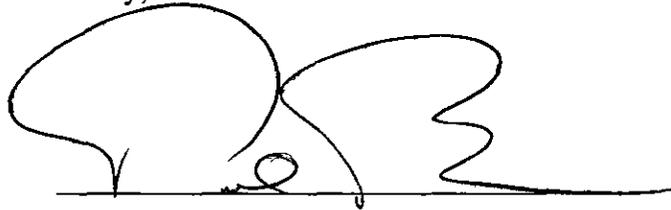
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 8th day of July, 1998, to:

Office of the Public Counsel
Truman State Office Building
Room 250
P.O. Box 7800
Jefferson City, MO 65102-7800

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, rounded initial 'R' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.