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April 26, 2005

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: The Empire District Electric Company

Dear Mr. Roberts:

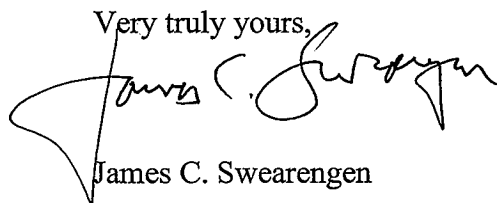
Enclosed for filing on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Notice.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure

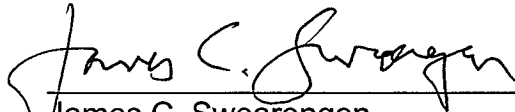
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In the matter of Program Criteria)
of The Empire District Electric Company) Case No. EO-

3. The parties have not been able to meet and agree to program criteria and will not be able to do so on or before April 27, 2005. The parties are hopeful, however, that they will be able to meet and agree to the involved criteria within ninety (90) days of

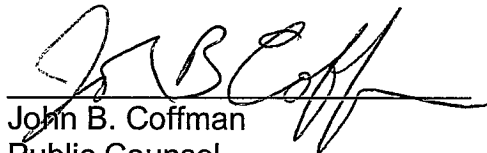
April 27, 2005. Therefore the parties do not believe it necessary, at this time, to request the Commission to establish criteria for the involved programs.

Respectfully submitted,



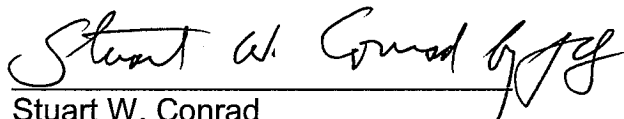
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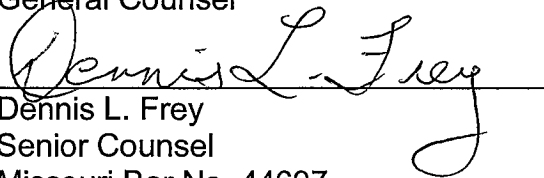
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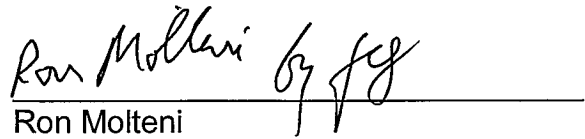
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing was, on this 26TH day of April, 2004, sent via electronic mail, U.S. Postage, or hand delivered, to all parties of record.

