

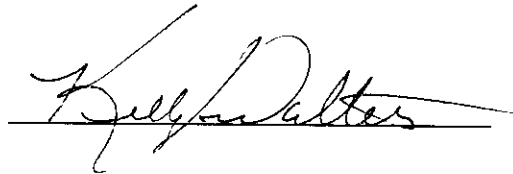
**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY
2013 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN**

**COMMITMENT TO THE
APPROVED PREFERRED RESOURCE PLAN**

CASE NO. EO-2013-0547

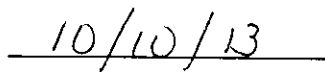
In accordance with Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") developed, described and documented, and now officially adopts for implementation the preferred resource plan and resource acquisition strategy contained in this filing.

As required, the adopted resource acquisition strategy consists of a preferred resource plan; an implementation plan; and a set of contingency resource plans. I hereby further commit to provide the notice called for by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(12), if Empire should, between triennial compliance filings, decide to take actions materially inconsistent with the preferred resource plan.

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Kelly S. Walters

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer – Electric

A handwritten date "10/10/13" written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Dated