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Re: Case No. AO-2002-1156

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of The Empire District Electric Company, enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Rehearing and Stay. A receipt copy is also enclosed, which I request that you file stamp and return to the messenger delivering same. A copy is being hand-delivered to the Office of the Public Counsel this date.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

By:


Paul A. Boudreau

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Enclosures
cc: Office of the Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

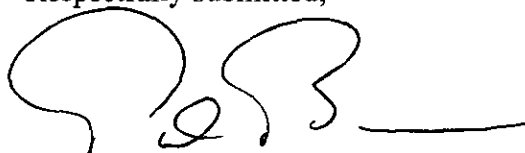
Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Assessment Against)
the Public Utilities in the State of Missouri) Case No. AO-2002-1156
for the Expenses of the Commission for the)
Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2002.)

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR REHEARING AND STAY

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116 and withdraws its Application for Rehearing and Stay filed with the Commission on June 28, 2002, and commencing the captioned matter. Empire has been advised that there was an error in calculating its assessment for Fiscal Year 2003 and a corrected assessment is being prepared by the Administrative Division of the Commission's Staff in a manner that is likely to satisfy Empire's concerns. Consequently, Empire has concluded that it would be appropriate to dismiss its Application for Rehearing and Stay in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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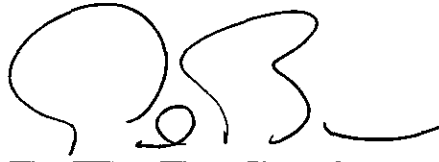
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Certificate of Service

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 11th day of July, 2002, to:

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