

Commission in Case No. EM-2000-369, and is incorporated herein by reference.

2. Carthage is a charter city organized and existing under the laws of Missouri with the City of Carthage Water and Electric's principal office at 149 East Third Street, Carthage, Missouri, 64836. It is engaged in the distribution of electric energy and service to its citizens. Carthage has no pending or final judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involve its customer service or rates within the three years immediately preceding the filing of this Joint Application.

3. Correspondence, communications, and orders in regard to this Joint Application should be directed to:

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The City Of Carthage
221 West 4th Street
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Snak Atak #8
P.O. Box 514
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Joe R. Brown
P.O. Box 552
Carthage, MO 64836-0552

Mary B. Campbell
1378 West Fairview
Carthage, MO 64836

FACTS

4. Empire currently provides electrical service to a highway advertising sign operated by Snak Atak, a commercial customer located at RR5, Carthage Missouri; and a residence occupied Mary B. Campbell located at 1378 West Fairview, Carthage Missouri; and a residential barn and outdoor light in the name of Joe R. Brown located at 1373 Fairview Avenue, Carthage, Missouri.

5. The premises described above are currently served by an Empire District Electric Company owned, overhead, single phase distribution line that has been identified by the Missouri Department of Transportation as being in the way of future construction of the proposed Fairview/Highway 71 interchange. The cost of relocating this line will be extremely costly. Both Empire District and the City of Carthage mutually agree that it is in the best public interest for Empire District to “release” these customers to the City of Carthage to be served by an existing Carthage Water and Electric in the immediate vicinity of the three customers identified above.

6. A diagram of the properties, Carthage’s [proposed/existing] line and Empire’s existing lines is attached hereto and marked **Appendix A**. All relevant properties are located within the city limits of the City of Carthage, Missouri.

7. The three customers identified above have consented to the proposed change of supplier from Empire to Carthage. Their *verified*, written consents are attached hereto as **Appendix B**, **Appendix C**, and **Appendix D** respectively.

STATUTE

8. Section 394.315.2, RSMo provides in relevant part that “[t]he public service commission, upon application made by an affected party, may order a change of suppliers on the

basis that it is in the public interest for a reason other than rate differential, and the commission is hereby given jurisdiction over rural electric cooperatives to accomplish the purpose of this section.”

PUBLIC INTEREST

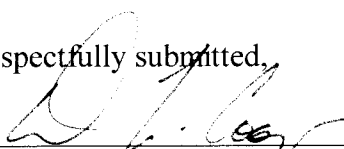
9. This proposed change of supplier is in the public interest because it will allow the continued provision of electric service to the three identified customers without the need to make significant investment in relocating electric lines. Construction of the new interchange will be accomplished in the most efficient manner possible and on a shorter timetable by allowing the proposed change of electric supplier. Thus, the proposed change of supplier is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue its order:

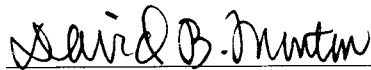
(a) Finding that the change of electric supplier proposed herein is in the public interest and approving the proposed change of electric supplier; and

(b) Granting such other relief as is deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Joint Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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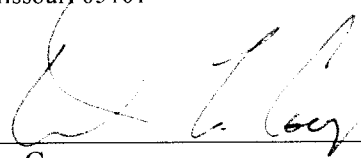
Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Application was served by electronic mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2006 upon the following:

Office of the Public Counsel
Governor State Office Building, 6th Floor
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Office of the General Counsel.
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor State Office Building, 8th Floor
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

[CUSTOMERS]



Dean L. Cooper

VERIFICATION

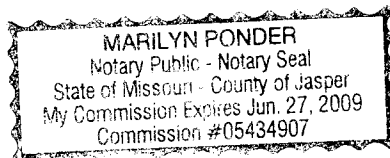
STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

I, Michael Palmer, state that I am employed by The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) as Vice President - Commercial Operations; that I have read the above and foregoing document; that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and, that I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of Empire.

Michael Palmer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 th day of September, 2006.

Marilyn Ponder
Marilyn Ponder, Notary Public



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COUNTY OF JASPER)

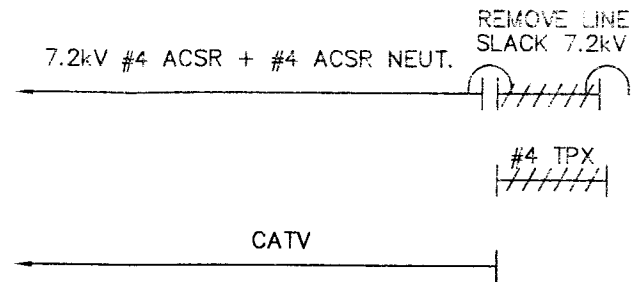
I, Bob Williams, state that I am employed by the City of Carthage, Missouri (Carthage), as Manager of The City of Carthage Water and Electric Department; that I have read the above and foregoing document; that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and, that I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of Carthage.

Bob Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 th day of September, 2006.

Marilyn Ponder
_____, Notary Public





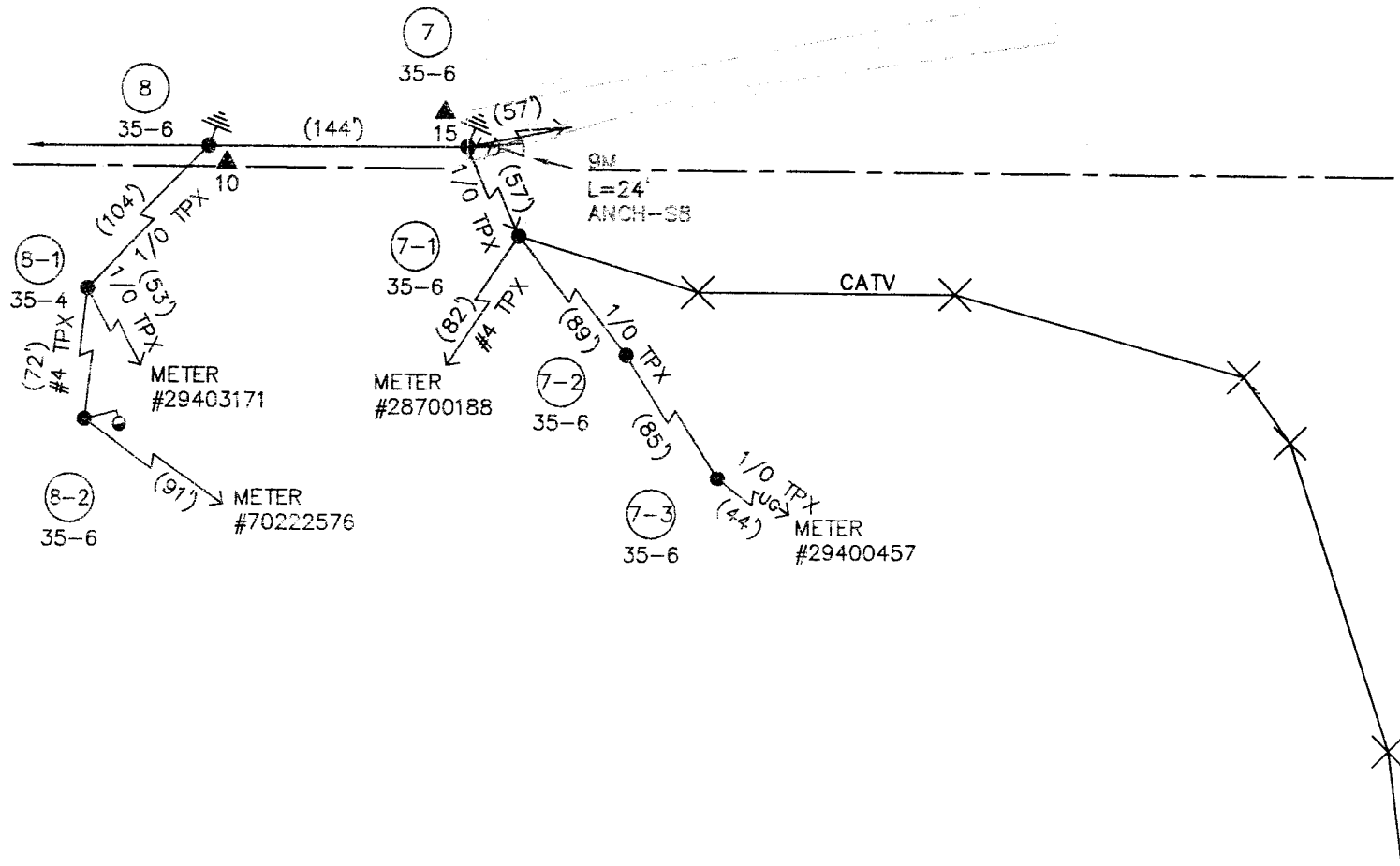
GENERAL NOTES

1. THIS DRAWING AND STAKING SHEET ARE AN INVENTORY OF EXISTING LINE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 71 AND FAIRVIEW ROAD IN CARTHAGE, MO. MODOT WILL BE CONSTRUCTING A NEW INTERCHANGE AT THIS LOCATION. THE NEW RIGHT OF WAY LINE IS SHOWN IN MEDIUM GRAY. (---)
2. PROPERTY LINES AND SECTION LINES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SHOWN FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY. THESE LINES HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED.
3. SERVICES LOCATION AND ORIENTATION ARE SHOWN FOR CLARITY ONLY. THESE MAY DIFFER FROM WHAT IS SHOWN. SERVICES ALONG OPEN WIRE SECONDARY MAY NEED TO BE RELOCATED, PLEASE MOVE AS REQUIRED.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

1. POLES SHALL BE SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH LCS #2-070.0.
2. FRAMING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRUCTURE DRAWINGS UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE ON THESE DRAWINGS.
3. SCREW ANCHORS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
8" PISA	3,000 FT. LBS.	15,000 FT. LBS.
12" PISA	5,000 FT. LBS.	15,000 FT. LBS.
4. SCREW ANCHORS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN LINE WITH GUY SLOPE, ±5° MAX.
5. REF. EDE BOOK OF STANDARDS FOR LEGEND & LINE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS (LCS).
6. REF. LCS# 11-200.0 FOR POLE GROUNDING & BUTT COIL ON ALL POLES.



RETIRED TRANSFORMERS AND METERS
IN AREA TO BE ABANDONED.

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FAIRVIEW AVE

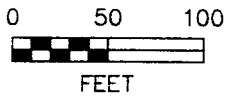
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METER RM

SECTION 8
TOWNSHIP 28N
RANGE 31W
JASPER COUNTY
CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

SECTION 17
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CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

HWY 71



- TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
- GAS METER
- FIRE HYDRANT
- MH MAN HOLE

BLUE - EXISTING
RED - INSTALL

EDE JOB ORDER # 215/MD10192C

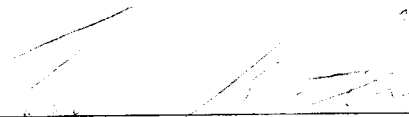
<p>THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY JOPLIN, MISSOURI</p>	<p>ALLGEIER, MARTIN and ASSOCIATES, INC. CONSULTING ENGINEERS JOPLIN, MISSOURI</p>	
	DRAWN BY <u>THS</u> ENGINEERED BY <u>JAR</u> APPROVED BY _____	DATE <u>8-31-06</u> SCALE <u>1" = 100'</u> NO. <u>1 of 1</u>

**HWY 71 AND FAIRVIEW DISTRIBUTION
RELOCATION
MODOT JOB J7P0699**

VERIFICATION

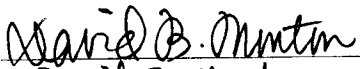
STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

I, Tim Ketchum, state that I am the General Manager of Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Plant 285, 751 S. Malang, Joplin, MO 64804, which is and has been a customer of the Empire District Electric Company at the above stated address or location, that I have read the above and foregoing document, that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.



Tim Ketchum, General Manager
Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Plant 285

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 2006.



David B. Mouton, Notary Public

My commission expires 01/13/2008.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

I, Joe R. Brown, state that I have been a customer of the Empire District Electric Company at the above stated address, that I have read the above and foregoing document, that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Joe R. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 2006.

David B. Mouton

David B. Mouton, Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 13, 2008.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JASPER)

I, Mary B. Campbell, state that I have been a customer of the Empire District Electric Company at the above stated address, that I have read the above and foregoing document, that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Mary B. Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 2006.

David B. Mouton
David B. Mouton, Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 13, 2008.