Staff Assignment: John Cita

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company Filing Monthly Fuel Purchase Reports in Compliance with the Policy Established by Commission Order Dated September 25, 2002, Inc Docket No. 106,850-U/75-GIMC-009-GIG.

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Ms. Susan K. Duffy **Executive Director** Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 S. W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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The Empire District Electric Company Docket No. 05-EPDE-980-RTS

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Dear Ms. Duffy:

Re:

Enclosed is a copy of The Empire District Electric Company's ("Empire") monthly written report relating to fuel contracts for January 2006 and February 2006. This report is being filed pursuant to the provisions contained in the Commission's Order in Docket No. 106,850-U (75-GIMC-009-GIG) dated September 25, 2002.

Much of the information contained in the enclosed monthly report contains confidential information. Accordingly, Empire is designating such information as confidential and requests that the Commission treat this material as confidential under the terms and conditions of the Protective Order issued by the Commission on May 5, 2005, in this matter.

I would appreciate receiving a file stamped copy of this cover letter and the filing for our records. An envelope is included for your convenience.

If you have any questions concerning the information contained in the enclosed report, please call me or W. Scott Keith at Empire.

Sincerely,

James G. Flaherty flaherty@abrfh.com

JGF:rr Enclosure W. Scott Keith cc:

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Kansas Corporation Commission /S/ Susan K. Duffy

VERIFICATION OF W. SCOTT KEITH

STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss: COUNTY OF JASPER)

W. Scott Keith, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Director of Planning and Regulatory of The Empire District Electric Company; that he is familiar with the information contained in the attached Gas Purchase Report which is being filed pursuant to the Order issued December 9, 2005, in Docket No. 05-EPDE-980-RTS; and that the information contained therein is true and correct.

<u>M. fcott Veith</u> W. Scott Keith SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this <u>15 th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2006. <u>Patricia a Settle</u> Notary Public

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Patricia A. Settle Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri County of Jasper Expires February 09, 2008