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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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

Re: The Empire District Electric Company
Docket No. 06-EPDE-1016-EPR

Dear Ms. Duffy:

Enclosed is a copy of The Empire District Electric Company's ("Empire") annual report relating to fuel contracts and purchasing practices. This report is being filed pursuant to paragraph 6 of 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 annual 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 March 22, 2006, 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.

Empire has scheduled the required meeting to discuss the enclosed annual report with Staff. The meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.G. Flaherty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "J.G." being particularly prominent.

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Enclosure

cc: W. Scott Keith
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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(Located in Docket Room)

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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Confidential Annual Report Relating to
Fuel Contracts and Purchasing Practices for
Empire District Electric Company.

FILE DATE:

December 1, 2009