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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF JERRY MUNSTER



JOPLIN, MO – February 5, 2015 – Mr. Gerald Munster retired from The Empire District Electric Company on January 31, following seven years of service.

Mr. Munster joined the Company on November 5, 2007, as a night foreman in Building Services, the position he held at retirement.

He is a graduate of Bayless High School in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Martha Porter on August 16, 1969. They have one son.

Prior to joining Empire, he worked for Ameren in St. Louis, Missouri, as a shift supervisor in a four-unit, 950 MW power plant and served in the United States Army for three years during the Vietnam Era as a specialist E5.

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In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and gardening. After retirement, he plans to spend time traveling.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company (NYSE:EDE) is an investor-owned utility providing electric, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 218,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the Company also provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com.

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