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### **THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DON MULLINS**



JOPLIN, MO – March 10, 2015 – Mr. Don Mullins retired from The Empire District Electric Company on February 28, following 32 years of service.

Mr. Mullins joined the Company on September 6, 1983, as a laborer at Asbury. In July 1984, he advanced to beginning operator at Riverton. From September 1984 through November 1984, he advanced from operator 4th class to operator 2nd class. In April 1985, he became an electrician helper in Baxter Springs. In October 1985, he advanced to electrician 4th class, and in January 1987, he advanced to electrician 3rd class. In January 1988, he became a beginning meter reader in Pierce City. In May 1988, he advanced to meter reader 2nd class, and in October 1988, advanced to meter reader 1st class. In December 1994, he became a meter reader 1st class in Baxter Springs, the position he held at retirement.

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He is a graduate of Webb City High School and attended Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Prior to joining Empire, he worked at Babst Roofing.

Mr. Mullins is a member of Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin. After retirement, he is looking forward to getting caught up on work around the house, spending more time with family and making himself more available to whatever the Lord wants him to do.

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](http://www.empiredistrict.com).

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