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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DEANNA GIESSEL



JOPLIN, MO – June 4, 2015 – Ms. Deanna Giessel retired from The Empire District Electric Company on May 31, following nine years of service.

Ms. Giessel began her career in August 2006, as a Construction Coordinator for Gas Operations in Nevada, the position she held at retirement.

Prior to joining Empire, she worked at Missouri Public Service beginning in 1987. She is involved in Beta Sigma Phi Society and the Chapter Preceptor Psi.

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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