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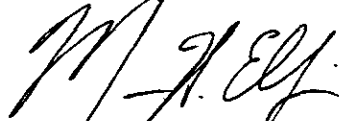
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Dear Judge Roberts:

The City of Joplin elects not to file a Reply Brief after review of the brief filed by the parties in this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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