BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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) Case No. WC-2006-0082, et al.
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MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEEDINGS, RESPONSE TO MS. ORLER'S OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR DEPOSITIONS AND MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

Come now the Respondents, by and through counsel, and submit the following to the Commission:

- 1. On June 16, 2006, Respondents filed a Motion For An Order Suspending Proceedings.
- 2. On June 20, 2006, Ms. Orler filed "Complainants' Objection to Respondents' Request for Depositions." On the same day, Respondents filed a response to Ms. Cathy Orler's objection to being deposed and also moved for sanctions against the complainants.
- 3. Because the hearing in these consolidated cases is less than thirty days away, all parties would be benefited by immediate rulings on these motions. The Commission's rulings will directly affect the course of preparation for hearing and the allocation of resources for

hearing which are tasks now reaching a critical phase. For example, if the Commission grants the order staying proceedings, the urgency of deposing the complainants for purposes of this case will subside. If that motion is denied by the Commission, then the rescheduling of complainants' depositions, the conditions, if any, the Commission may approve for their taking, or the other relief requested in Respondents' motion for sanctions become imminent matters in the preparation for hearing.

- 4. Because time is now compressed, there is just cause for the Commission to waive the "ten day" rule of 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) and direct the parties to submit responses in a shorter time frame. Moreover, as explained above, all parties will be benefited by accelerated consideration of the referenced motions.¹ In this respect, Respondents respectfully request the Commission to act no later than Tuesday, June 27, 2006.
 - 5. This pleading was filed as soon as circumstances permitted.

WHEREFORE, Respondents respectfully request that the Commission waive the "ten day" rule requirement, directing the parties to prepare responses to the referenced motions on a shortened schedule, and act on Respondents' motions no later than Tuesday, June 27, 2006, if not before.

¹ This is a procedural matter related only to the progress of this proceeding and has no effect on persons receiving services.

Respectfully submitted,

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