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The Missouri Public Service Commission
Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Regarding PSC Case No. EX-2003-0368

PLEASE NOTE; Comments pertaining to HCSR240-3.190 were erroneously filed in Case No. EX-2003-0368 by letter dated December 5, 2003. Please disregard those previously filed comments. The comments below pertain only to Case No. EX-2003-0489.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am writing to comment on the Commission's proposed rule that would require Rural Electric Cooperatives to report any incident of an electrical contact resulting in a fatality, injury or property damage in excess of \$10,000.

First, let me say that I am opposed to these reporting requirements. The information being requested by the PSC will be duplicative of the activities that are already being conducted by either the PSC, the Cooperatives or both. For instance, the PSC suggested if it noted a recurrence of a particular type of incident, it could issue a notice to warn the public. This activity would duplicate what is already being done by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives and its member systems.

Furthermore, the information reported by the Cooperatives could be used in litigation to enhance damage claims. Also, the PSC has provided no explanation on how the reporting requirements will be used to improve safety. The new requirements will be costly and could very well be detrimental to the Cooperatives and will provide no benefits of any kind.

For these reasons and others, I feel that these proposed reporting requirements are unnecessary and should not be implemented. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule on behalf of our Rural Electric Cooperative members.

Sincerely,

Ron Hunter, Manager