# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



STERLING MOODY, STERLING'S MARKET  PLACE AND STERLING'S PLACE, I,  )	Service Commission
Complainants,	
v. ,	) Case No. EC-2002-112
AMERENUE, UNION ELECTRIC CO. d/b/a AMERENUE, and MIKE FOY, LEROY ETTLING, and SHERRY MOSCHNER, as employees of AmerenUE,	
Respondents,	) }
v. (	
P. & B. Real Estate, L.L.C. 8540 North Broadway St. Louis, Missouri 63147	, 
Third-Party Respondents.	) )

### RESPONDENT AMERENUE'S THIRD-PARTY PETITION

Comes now respondent, AmerenUE, and for its Third-Party Petition states as follows:

- 1. P. & B. Real Estate L.L.C. ("P&B") is the owner of a strip mall located at 8350 North Broadway, in the City of St. Louis and, specifically, the premises which are the subject of the Complaint filed in this action before the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission").
- 2. The Complaint in this case raises issues regarding, among other things, the internal wiring of the strip mall. Specifically, the Complaint indicates that a dispute existed with respect to the payment for electric service to the premises leased from P&B

by Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc. as opposed to the service provided to the strip mall's common areas.

- 3. P&B has previously admitted that the internal wiring of the strip mall is its responsibility and, further, rewired part of the strip mall and agreed to the installation of a new meter on the property for electric service in P&B's name.
- 4. P&B subsequently entered into a written agreement with Sterlings

  Marketplace I, Inc. and respondent AmerenUE on May 18, 2001 which provided that

  P&B accepted responsibility for the payment of charges for electric service by

  respondent AmerenUE to one of the three meters which is the subject of the Complaint.

  A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. As a result of the execution of the agreement by P&B and Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc., respondent AmerenUE agreed to reconnect the meter which had earlier been disconnected.
- 5. Shortly after signing the above-referenced agreement, however, P&B refused, and continues to refuse, to pay respondent. AmerenUE's bills for service to the 8350 N. Broadway meter successored to P&B pursuant the terms of the agreement. See Exhibits 2, 3 and 4 attached hereto. No payment has been made by anyone for electric service to that meter since at least May 18, 2001.
- 6. Also after signing the above-referenced agreement, Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc. has failed to pay the full amount due for electric service to the two meters which were in Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc.'s name prior to the agreement and for which Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc. confirmed its responsibility, both for past and future bills for electric service.

- 7. Based on P&B's refusal to accept responsibility as it agreed, and the continued failure following the agreement to pay for electric service to 8350 North Broadway, it is apparent Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc. and P&B never intended to abide by the terms of the agreement.
- 8. Despite the fact that Sterling's Marketplace I, Inc. and P&B have failed and refused to comply with the terms of their May 18, 2001 agreement, respondent AmerenUE has nonetheless offered to inspect the internal wiring at 8350 North Broadway in an effort to help resolve what is in fact a dispute between the landlord (P&B) and tenant (Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc.) of the premises. See Exhibit 5 attached hereto.
- 9. As the Complaint raises issues as to who is responsible for payment for electric service to the three meters at 8350 North Broadway, as well as issues pertaining to the internal wiring of P&B's property, P&B's presence in this action is necessary and appropriate for a full, fair and complete and fair adjudication by the Commission of the issues raised in the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, respondent AmerenUE respectfully requests the Commission to enter its Order upholding the May 18, 2001 agreement and requiring both Sterlings Marketplace I, Inc. and P&B to abide by its terms, and for such other and further relief the Commission deems just and proper.

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May 18, 2001

Sterling Marketplace I, Inc. c/o Sterling's Market 8350 North Broadway St. Louis, Missouri 63147 Attention: Mr. Sterling Moody

P. & B. Real Estate, L.L.C.8540 North BroadwaySt. Louis, Missouri 63147Attention: Mr. Engelbert Schonlau



Re: Dispute with respect to Meter Numbers 01859500, 50688215 and 70593313

#### Gentlemen:

This letter agreement (this "Agreement") sets forth the terms of the agreements reached between AmerenUE ("UE"), Sterling Marketplace I, Inc. ("Sterling") and P. & B. Real Estate, L. L. C. ("P. & B.") in connection with any and all disputes among such parties regarding amounts past due and owing to UE for utilities provided by UE to Sterling and P. & B., as evidenced by the readings shown on the electricity meters identified in the caption above.

With respect to meter numbers 01859500 and 50688215 and the corresponding account numbers 52300-02426 and 52300-02417 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Sterling Account"), Sterling hereby acknowledges and agrees that it is delinquent in the payment to UE of the sum of \$89,000.00 (the "Sterling Settlement Amount"). Sterling further agrees that commencing one month after the date of this Agreement, Sterling shall make consecutive monthly payments of \$2,000.00 per month (in addition to the regular monthly bill for services from UE), payable to UE by cashier's or certified check, such payments to be made on or before the due date of each regular monthly bill for services from UE, until such outstanding balance of \$89,000.00 is paid in full. Sterling further agrees that from the date of this Agreement, Sterling shall be solely responsible for the timely payment to UE of any charges incurred in connection with meter numbers 01859500 and 50688215. In the event Sterling is delinquent in its payments of any sums owed in connection with the payment to UE of the Sterling Settlement Amount or any and all future payments for charges incurred on the Sterling Account, UE reserves the right to discontinue all service under the Sterling Account without incurring any liability whatsoever to Sterling.

UE expressly reserves the right to collect any and a amounts outstanding and past due in excess of the Sterling Settlement Amount, and owed according to meter numbers 01859500 and/or 50688215, from any third parties that UE determines are responsible for such amounts outstanding and past due.

With respect to meter number 70593313 (the "Common Area Meter") and the corresponding account number 57300-01916 (the "Common Area Account"), it is agreed by the parties to this Agreement that commencing on the date hereof, payment of the charges incurred as shown on the Common Area Meter shall be the sole responsibility of P. & B. and that the name now shown on the Common Area Account shall be changed to be in the name of "P. & B. Real Estate, L.L.C." Sterling and P & B hereby agree and acknowledge that \$124,526.06 is past due and owing to UE in connection with charges incurred to date as recorded on the Common Area Meter, and that Sterling and P. & B. shall be responsible only for the payment to UE of \$45,000.00 of such amount past due and owing (the "Common Area Settlement Amount"). It is acknowledged by the parties to this Agreement that Sterling and P& B have heretofore delivered to UE checks totaling \$45,000, however, notwithstanding the use of the words "successor accounts for P. & B. Real Estate" as appearing on that certain handwritten receipt, dated May 14, 2001, and signed by a representative of UE, Sterling and P.&B. hereby agree that the following checks delivered to UE on May 14, 2001, shall be applied only to the payment of the Common Area Settlement Amount:

Cashier's check #4406406972, dated May 10, 2001, in the amount of \$12,500.00;

Cashier's check #4406406993, dated May 14, 2001, in the amount of \$2,500.00; and

Check # LD 009275, dated May 14, 2001, in the amount of \$30,000.00.

(A copy of the above checks are attached to this Agreement as Exhibit "A".)

In the event Gateway National Bank does not honor any of the above listed checks, UE reserves the right to discontinue all service under the Common Area Account without incurring any liability whatsoever to Sterling and/or P. & B.

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The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that there is an existing deposit in the amount of \$9,493.00 in the Common Area Account and that UE shall transfer such deposit to the Sterling Account.

The parties hereto agree to withdraw any complaints currently pending before the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC).

If you are in agreement with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, please indicate so by signing this Agreement and returning it to the undersigned. Once Sterling and P. & B. have signed this Agreement, UE shall restore the service it has heretofore discontinued.

Sincerely, AmerenUE

By:

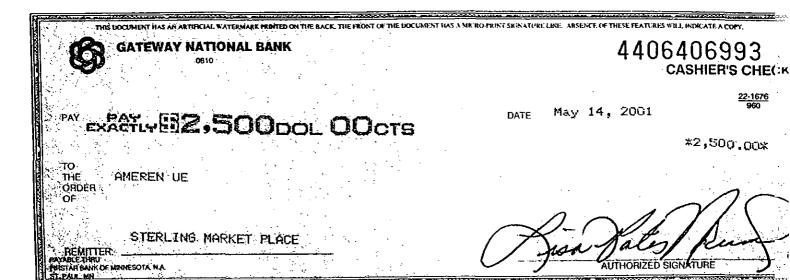
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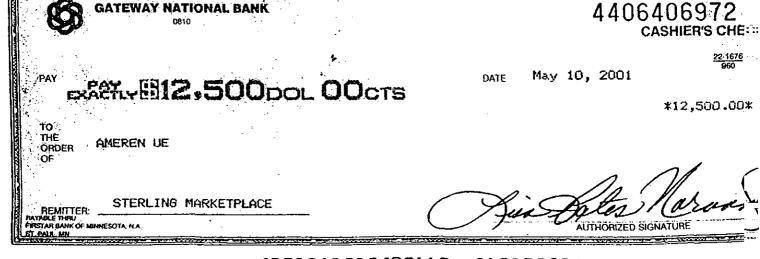
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June 1, 2001

Mr. Leroy Ettling AmerenUE PO Box 66301 St. Louis, MO 63166

RE: Broadway Plaza Center 8350 N. Broadway

Dear Mr. Ettling,

In an effort to clean up, once again, the billing of electric usage at the above location listed below are the meter numbers at the above location and who is responsible for payment:

P & B Real Estate is responsible for two meters - #97801372 and #97643340. We are being billed for, and paying for, electric usage on these two meters.

Since you restored power to Sterling Moody, his three meter numbers are 01859500, 50688215 and 70593313. Please send all charges for these meters to Mr. Moody at Sterling's Marketplaco. P & B Real Estate has nothing to do with these three meters.

Sincerely,

Bert B. Schonlau

BBS/ps

### P & B REAL ESTATE, L.L.C.

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### **OUTGOING FAX COVER SHEET**

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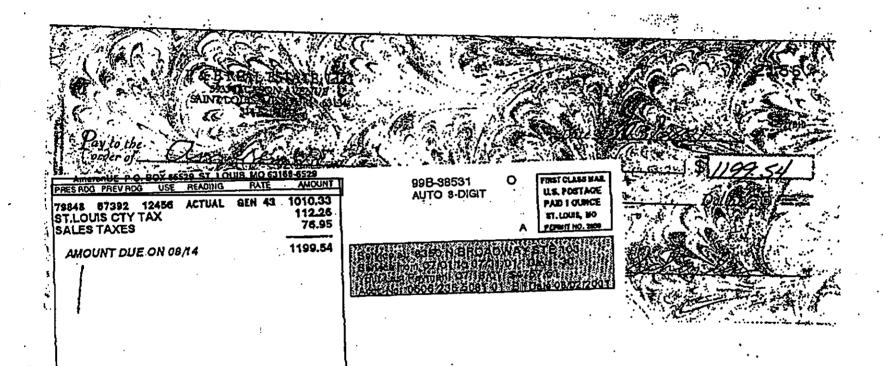
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September 27, 2001

#### VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Freeman R. Bosley, Jr. Caldwell & Singleton LLC 1601 Olive, 1st Floor St. Louis, MO 63103-2344

Re: Ameren/Moody

Dear Freeman:

Ameren UE remains interested in some noneconomic resolution of Mr. Moody's complaint. As I stated during our meeting, we believe Ameren UE has shown Mr. Moody extraordinary consideration with respect to past delinquencies and in working with him when checks have been returned for insufficient funds. And even though it is appropriately a landlord-tenant issue, Ameren UE stands ready to assist Mr. Moody and Mr. Schonlau in determining the electrical service associated with each meter. To facilitate that process, I am enclosing a consent form for your client's convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Haar

RTH:rh Enclosure

#### CONSENT TO ENTRY AND MODIFICATION OF WIRING

Sterling Moody, as owner and operator of Sterling's Market Place, and Bert Schonlau, as owner of P&B Real Estate, L.L.C., which owns the premises known as Broadway Plaza located at or about 8350 N. Broadway, St. Louis Missouri, hereby consent to the entry on those premises by agents and employees of Ameren UE for the purpose of inspecting the wiring associated with the electrical meters at that location and making alterations to that wiring as directed by Sterling Moody.

Sterling Moody Sterling's Market Place

Bert Schonlau
P&B Real Estate, L.L.C.