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EC-2002-112

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary and Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re:

Sterling Moody, Sterling's Market Place and Sterling's Market Place I v. AmerenUE, Union Electric Co. d/b/a AmerenUE and Mike Foy, Leroy Ettling, and Sherry Moshner, as employees

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and fourteen (14) copies of Complainant's Response in Opposition to Respondents' Motion for Extension of Time Within Which To File Answer in the above-styled cause.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Freeman R. Bosley, Jr.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Sterling Moody, Sterling's Market Place, And Sterling's Place, I )	) Service Commission
Complainants,	Case No.: EC 2002-112
v. )	
AmerenUE, Union Electric Co. d/b/a AmerenUE; and Mike Foy, Leroy Ettling, And Sherry Moshner, as employees of AmerenUE,	
Respondents.	

# COMPLAINANTS' RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE ANSWER

Come Now Respondents Sterling Moody, Sterling's market Place and Sterling's Market Place I and respectfully request that the Missouri Public Service Commission deny Respondent AmerenUE's request for a 30-day extension of time in which to file its answer to the Complaint in this case. In support of its opposition, Complainants state as follows:

- On August 17, 2001, Complainants mailed Complaint to the Public Service Commission.
- 2. On August 17, 2001, a copy of the Complaint was mailed to Harvey Pines, attorney at Law, a legal representative of the Respondents who was also present during a meeting on or about May 16, 2001 with Respondents and Complainants regarding Complainants' electric service.

3. On or about August 22, 2001, James Cook or his representative contacted Complainants' attorney's office and requested a copy of the Complaint.

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- 4. On August 22, 2001, as a courtesy, Complainants' attorney mailed a copy of the Complaint to the Respondents' attorney.
  - 5. On September 4, 2001, the Commission issued its Notice of Complaint.
- 6. That on September 19, 2001, Complainants met with Robert Haar, a legal representative of the Respondents, to discuss issues surrounding the Complaint.
- 7. That during the meeting on September 19, 2001, Respondents' legal representative asked whether Complainants would consent to mediation and Complainants' attorney declined.
- 8. On September 24, 2001, Complainants filed their rejection of Respondents' Request for Mediation.
- 9. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070(7), Respondent AmerenUE must file its answer to said Complaint on or before October 4, 2001.
- 10. According to the Notice of Complaint, if the Complainants decline the opportunity to seek mediation, Respondent AmerenUE will be notified of the date by which an answer or notice of satisfaction must be filed, which may be the remainder of the original 30-day period.
- 11. Complainants believe that by submitting their request for mediation after being informed that said request was declined, Respondents are not negotiating in good faith and only seek to delay its answer to the Complaint.

- 12. That as a result of Respondents' actions, Complainants' electric service was terminated for 32 days.
- 13. That the Grocery Season official starts October 1, 2001 and that Complainants have suffered damages in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing above-mentioned reasons Complainants hereby request that the Commission deny Respondents' request for an additional thirty (30) days within which to answer the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. first class mail on this 24th day of September, 2001 to all parties of record listed below.

### **CASE NO. EC-2002-112**

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