

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

ANCHOR’S POINT CONDOMINIUM)
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,)
)
Complainants,)
)
v.) **File No.**
)
TRR MANAGEMENT, LLC;)
FRANK J. STEED, JR., d/b/a)
STEED COMMUNITIES;)
JM LAND HOLDINGS, LLC; TRR)
TIME SHARE, LLC; CARROLL)
JAMES CHRISTIANSEN;)
KIMBERLING INN, INC.; and)
KIMBERLING PROPERTIES, INC.)
)
Respondents.)

COMPLAINT

1. Complainant’s address is 11863 Highway 13; P.O. Box 843; Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.
2. The utility service complained of was received at the following addresses: 371 Anchors Point Lane, Units 400-464, Kimberling City, Missouri 65686; 393 Anchors Point Lane, Units 466-482, Kimberling City, Missouri 65686; and 407 Anchors Point Lane, Units 484-532, Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.
3. Respondents’ addresses are as follows:
 - a. TRR Management LLC (“TRR Management”), 11863 State Highway 13; P.O. Box 670; Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.
 - b. Frank J. Steed, Jr., d/b/a Steed Communities (“Steed”), 129 Pinnacle Shores Drive; Lampe, Missouri 65681.

c. JM Land Holdings, LLC (“JM”), 11863 State Highway 13; P.O. Box 670; Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.

d. TRR Time Share, LLC (“TRR Time Share”), 11863 State Highway 13; P.O. Box 670; Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.

e. Carroll James Christiansen, 299 County Road 4651; Berryville, Arkansas 72616.

f. Kimberling Inn, Inc., 11863 State Highway 13; P.O. Box 159; Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.

g. Kimberling Properties, Inc., 11863 State Highway 13; P.O. Box 159; Kimberling City, Missouri 65686.

4. Complainant is a Missouri non-profit corporation in good standing, organized pursuant to the *Anchor’s Point Condominium Declaration of Condominium Ownership* recorded in the Stone County Recorder’s Office. Under § 448.3-102(4) of the Missouri Revised Statutes, Complainant may “institute, defend, or intervene in litigation or administrative proceedings in its own name on behalf of itself or two or more unit owners on matters affecting the condominium...”

5. Anchor’s Point is a condominium common interest community in Stone County, Missouri. Complainant brings this Complaint on behalf of all unit owners at Anchor’s Point (the “Unit Owners”).

6. Respondents either currently own and/or operate or formerly owned and/or operated a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Missouri

Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) pursuant to § 386.250 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

7. Upon information obtained from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and from recorded deed records in Stone County, Missouri, Respondents TRR Management, Steed, JM and TRR Time Share (the “Steed Respondents”) currently own, operate and control the water system that serves the Unit Owners at Anchor’s Point (the “Water System”).

8. None of the Steed Respondents is registered or authorized to operate as a for-profit water company by, through or under the Commission.

9. The land owned by the Unit Owners is adjacent to land owned by some or all of the Steed Respondents. All such land was formerly part of one larger, unified tract of land owned by Carroll James Christiansen (“Christiansen”), Kimberling Properties, Inc. (“Kimberling Properties”) and/or Kimberling Inn, Inc. (“Kimberling Inn” and, together with Christiansen and Kimberling Properties, the “Christiansen Respondents”).

10. The Christiansen Respondents developed the unified tract of land into various commercial units, condominium units and timeshare units and, in connection with that enterprise, the Christiansen Respondents sold condominiums to individual Unit Owners who then became members of the Anchor’s Point Condominium Owners Association. The Christiansen Respondents provided water to the Unit Owners, initially charging \$150 for water, maintenance on roads for ingress and egress, and use of the pool and tennis court.

11. The Christiansen Respondents conveyed the land where the Water System lies to the Steed Respondents on or about August 19, 2013, and assigned development rights to one or more of the Steed Respondents.

12. The Unit Owners at Anchor's Point currently own 67 units, compared to 105 timeshare units held and operated by the Steed Respondents, which are part of and receive water from the same Water System. Additionally, only five Unit Owners reside in their units full-time. Approximately 62 Unit Owners have an estimated occupancy of 20% for nine months each year and 50% for three months each year.

13. After purchasing the above-described land, the Steed Respondents, through TRR, began to send bills for water, sewer, and road maintenance to Complainant, and Complainant paid those invoices on behalf of and for the benefit of the Unit Owners.

14. While the payments from Complainant to the Steed Respondents were designated for water service, water reserves, sewer, common road reserves, and reserves for replacement of water infrastructure, the Steed Respondents have refused to provide Complainant with an accounting regarding replacement reserves and the actual costs associated with maintaining and operating the water lines and well system.

15. Additionally, the Steed Respondents have at times threatened to shut off water to the Unit Owners and began charging increased rates to the Unit Owners without explanation. On behalf of and for the benefit of the Unit

Owners, Complainant currently pays \$1,340.00 per month to the Steed Respondents for water and water system maintenance reserves.

16. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Complaint pursuant to § 386.250(3) of the Missouri Revised Statutes, under which the Commission has jurisdiction over “all water corporations, and to the land, property, dams, water supplies, or power stations thereof and the operation of the same within this state.”

17. By statute, a “water corporation” is defined as, “every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, operating, controlling or managing any plant or property, dam or water supply, canal, or power station, distributing or selling for distribution, or selling or supplying for gain any water.” Section 386.020, RSMo.

18. Further, a “water system” is defined as, “all reservoirs, tunnels, shafts, dams, dikes, headgates, pipes, flumes, canals, structures and appliances, and all other real estate, fixtures and personal property, owned, operated, controlled or managed in connection with or to facilitate the diversion, development, storage, supply, distribution, sale, furnishing or carriage of water for municipal, domestic or other beneficial use.” Section 386.020(60), RSMo.

19. The Christiansen Respondents caused the ownership of the Water System to be transferred to the Steed Respondents without proper

authorization from the Commission, as required by § 393.190(1) of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

20. Neither the Christiansen Respondents nor the Steed Respondents has obtained a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Commission, as required by § 393.170(2) of the Missouri Revised Statutes. In spite of this, the Christiansen Respondents and the Steed Respondents have charged Complainant for operational costs of the Water System facilities and for other undocumented services. Additionally, both the Steed Respondents and the Christiansen Respondents have tried to establish rates for water service without obtaining proper authorization from the Commission to do so.

21. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents (a) because Respondents currently own or have owned the Water System that provides water to the Unit Owners, (b) because Respondents have sold or supplied water to the Unit Owners for gain, and (c) because the Water System is devoted to public use.

22. Complainant has been in direct contact with all Respondents regarding the Water System, and with the Steed Respondents regarding the supply and distribution of water and the rates charged for such service.

WHEREFORE, Complainant respectfully requests the following relief:

A. That the Commission exert jurisdiction in this case;

B. That the Commission require the Steed Respondents and/or the Christiansen Respondents to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Commission;

C. That the Commission prohibit Respondents from terminating or cutting off water service to the Unit Owners; and

D. Such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

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