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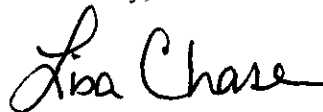
Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and eight copies of the Joint Status Report in the above cited case.

Thank you for seeing this filed. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Ozark Border Electric Cooperative,)
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 Complainant,)
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vs.)
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City of Poplar Bluff,)
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 Respondent.)

Case No. EC-2003-0452

JOINT STATUS REPORT

COME NOW, Ozark Border Electric Cooperative, by and through its attorneys of record, Kennedy, Kennedy & Robbins, LC and Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, L.L.C., and City of Poplar Bluff, by and through its attorneys of record, Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C., and pursuant to the Missouri Commission's June 9, 2003 Order Regarding Mediation hereby file their Joint Status Report as follows:

1. As reflected in the Commission's Order, the parties herein have agreed to mediation. On June 9, 2003, this Commission issued an Order requiring the parties to file a joint status report of the mediation on or before July 9, 2003, and at monthly intervals thereafter, until further order of this Commission.
2. The parties participated in a mediation on July 24, 2003 at the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center at the Law School of the University of Missouri-Columbia. The parties did not reach agreement at the mediation, but are engaged in ongoing discussions. The parties believe they are making good progress and are close to settling their dispute.
3. The parties will provide a report on their progress in their next monthly status report to be filed on or before October 9, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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