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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
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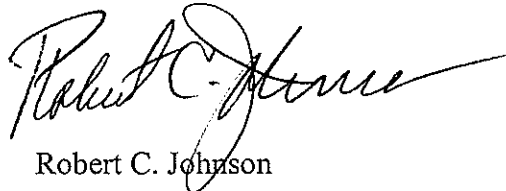
Re: St. John's Mercy Hospital  
Case No. TC-2004-0407

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of our client St. John's Mercy Hospital, I enclose herewith Answer to Complaint in response to the Complaint previously filed herein by the Staff of the commission.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the Commission.

Yours very truly,



Robert C. Johnson

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Enclosure  
cc: All parties of record

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service  
Commission, )  
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Complainant, )  
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v. )  
)  
St. John's Mercy Hospital, )  
)  
Respondent. )

Case No. TC-2004-0407

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

**COMES NOW** St. John's Mercy Hospital ("Hospital") and for its answer to the Complaint filed herein by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, states as follows:

Hospital denies each and every allegation contained in said Complaint, except that Hospital admits the allegations contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Complaint. Hospital's counsel is in the process of reviewing the facts and law in this matter and reserves the right hereafter to assert affirmative defenses to the Complaint.

**WHEREFORE**, Hospital requests that the Commission deny said Complaint and dismiss this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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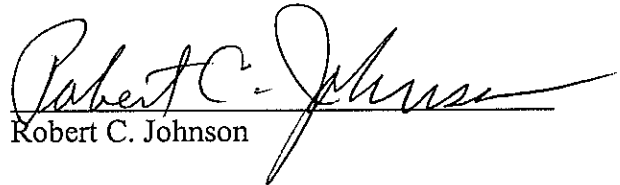
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2004.

  
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