

3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(9) provides that “[t]he respondent shall file an answer to the complaint within the time provided. All grounds of defense, both of law and of fact, shall be raised in the answer. If the respondent has no information or belief upon the subject sufficient to enable the respondent to answer an allegation of the complaint, the respondent may so state in the answer and assert a denial upon that ground.”

4. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(10) states that “[i]f the respondent in a complaint case fails to file a timely answer, the complainant’s averments may be deemed admitted and an order granting default entered. The respondent has seven (7) days from the issue date of the order granting default to file a motion to set aside the order of default and extend the filing date of the answer. The commission may grant the motion to set aside the order of default and grant the respondent additional time to answer if it finds good cause.”

5. As of the date of the filing of this motion, Respondent Company has failed to file an answer in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Staff moves that pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070(9) and (10) the Commission deem admitted the averments originally raised in Staff’s Complaint and specifically find:

1. That Respondent Company violated Section 393.140(6), RSMo by failing to file its 2018 annual report.

2. That, by violating Section 393.140(6), RSMo, Respondent Company “shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars and an additional penalty of

one hundred dollars for each day after the prescribed time for which it shall neglect to file or correct the same, to be sued for in the name of the state of Missouri.”

3. That, per Section 393.140(6), RSMo, “[t]he amount recovered in any such action shall be paid to the public school fund of the state.”

4. That Respondent Company violated Section 386.370(2), RSMo by failing to pay its Fourth Quarter 2019 assessment of \$595.85.

5. That, by violating Section 386.370(2), RSMo, Complainant is statutorily entitled to prejudgment interest on Respondent Company’s delinquent assessment amount, per Section 408.020, RSMo.

6. That, by failing to comply with Section 386.370(2), RSMo, the “public utility, is subject to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars,” per Section 386.570(1), RSMo.

7. Further, that “...in case of a continuing violation each day’s continuance thereof shall be and be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense,” per Section 386.570(2).

Staff further prays that the Commission authorize the General Counsel to proceed to Circuit Court to seek penalties against Respondent Company for these violations of Sections 393.140(6), 386.370(2), 386.570(1) and (2), and 408.020 RSMo, and the Commission’s rules, and for such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 20th day of August, 2019.

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