

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

The Staff of the Public Service Commission,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>File No. WC-2016-0068</u>
	)	
Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER GIVING NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND DIRECTING ANSWER

Issue Date: September 18, 2015

Effective Date: September 18, 2015

On September 18, 2015, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Complainant") filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") against Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. ("Respondent"). A copy of the complaint accompanies this notice. This is a contested case¹ pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo 2000. This case will not proceed under the small formal complaint process.²

The Commission will set a deadline for Respondent to file an answer. In the alternative, the Respondent may file a written request that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for voluntary mediation of the complaint. Upon receipt of a request for mediation, the 30-day time period shall be tolled while the Commission ascertains whether or not the Complainant is also willing to submit to voluntary mediation. If Complainant agrees to mediation, the time period within which an answer is due shall be

¹ A "[c]ontested case' means a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, duties or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing." Section 536.010.4, RSMo Supp. 2012.

² 4 CSR 240-2.070(15).

suspended pending the resolution of the mediation process. Additional information regarding the mediation process is enclosed. If Complainant declines the opportunity to seek mediation, Respondent will be notified in writing that the tolling has ceased and will also be notified of the date by which an answer or notice of satisfaction must be filed. That period will usually be the remainder of the original 30-day period.

As required by Section 536.067(2)(f), RSMo 2000, the Commission informs the parties that the Commission's provisions governing procedures before the Commission, including provisions relating to discovery, are found at Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send, by certified mail, a copy of this notice and order and a copy of the complaint to:

Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc.
Lavada Cottrill and Jimmy Deffenderfer
1770 N. Deffer Dr., Suite 4
Nixa, MO 65714

2. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. shall file an answer to this complaint or request for mediation no later than October 19, 2015, and serve a copy upon the Complainant. All pleadings (the answer, the notice of satisfaction of complaint or request for mediation) shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or filed using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of September, 2015.