# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission	)
Complainant,	)
V.	) File No. WC-2018-0250
Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC, and The Tranquility Group, LLC	) ) )
Respondents	)

#### ORDER OF CORRECTION AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 16, 2018 Effective Date: March 16, 2018

On March 14, 2018, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360, filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) against Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC and The Tranquility Group, LLC (Respondents). On March 15, 2018, the Commission issued notice of the contested case.

The notice contained an error. Ordered Paragraph 2 incorrectly states that an answer is due no later than March 29, 2018. That date should have been 30 days from the date of issuance as required in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(8), or April 14, 2018. The Commission will correct the error in this order.

Additionally, Staff filed a *Stipulation and Agreement* and a motion for expedited approval of that agreement simultaneously with its complaint. The Stipulation and Agreement, purports to be "a complete resolution of the issues specifically addressed

herein". However, that agreement does not address a waiver of the Respondents' right to 30-days' notice as provided for in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(8) and does not address the statutory requirement for the Commission to send notice of a contested case by both the rule and by statute.2 The Commission also notes that neither the motion, nor the agreement state a request to waive the 30-day notice required in 4 CSR 240-2.070(8).<sup>3</sup>

With regard to the request for expedited treatment, Staff's motion does not state "[t]he harm that will be avoided, or the benefit that will accrue, including a statement of the negative effect, or that there will be no negative effect, on the party's customers or the general public, if the commission acts by the date desired. . . [.]<sup>4</sup> Therefore, the Commission will direct Staff to amend its motion for expedited treatment to include the missing information.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

The Order Giving Notice of Contested Case and Directing Answer issued on March 15, 2018, is corrected to require an answer or answers be filed no later than April 14, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stipulation and Agreement, (filed March 14, 2018), p. 1. <sup>2</sup> Subsection 536.067(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(19) states that the Commission may waive provisions of the rule upon a showing of good cause.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.080(14)(B).

- 2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall amend its motion to provide the statement required by 4 CSR 240-2.080(14)(B).
  - 3. This order shall be effective when issued.





Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 16th day of March, 2018.

#### STATE OF MISSOURI

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

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Morris L. Woodruff

**Secretary** 

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION March 16, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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