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**Missouri Public
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Secretary of PSC
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P. O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. EC-2003-0452

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and five (5) copies of Ozark Border Electric Cooperative's Response to Respondent's Request for Mediation in the above-referenced matter. Thank you for seeing this filed.

Sincerely,



Lisa Cole Chase

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

Case No. EC-2003-0452

COMPLAINANT'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR MEDIATION

COMES NOW Ozark Border Electric Cooperative, by and through their counsel of record, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, LLC, and in response to City of Poplar Bluff's Request for Mediation states as follows:

1. City of Poplar Bluff requests that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for voluntary mediation of the complaint, and that the Commission issue an order tolling the time period in which the Respondent is required to file an answer to the Complaint.
2. Ozark Border Electric Cooperative hereby consents to this matter being referred to a neutral third-party mediator, and further consent to the Commission issuing an order tolling the time period in which the Respondent is required to file an answer to the Complaint.

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