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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission v.
S.T. Ventures, L.L.C.
Case No. SC-2004-0341

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is an original and one copy of an Application to File Answer to Complaint Out of Time and an original and one copy of an Answer to the Complaint in the above-captioned action. Please file the original documents and return a copy of each to me with a stamp or other acknowledgment that it has been received by you.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Shankland

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CC: Gary Verhaeghe
S.T. Ventures, L.L.C.

Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service
Commission,)

Complainant,)

v.)

S.T. Ventures, L.L.C.,)

Respondent.)

Case No. SC-2004-0341

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Respondent, S.T. Ventures, L.L.C., and for its Answer to the Complaint of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed in the above-captioned action, it states as follows:

1. It admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint, except that Respondent did advise the Commission's staff of the change of its mailing address from 113 Pickett Ridge, Kirbyville, Missouri 65679 to its present mailing address, 9240 West 167th Street, Stillwell KS 66085, in the calendar year 2001.
2. It admits the remaining general allegations contained in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Complaint.
3. It admits the allegations contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Count One of the Complaint.
4. That it is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of Count One of the Complaint.
5. It admits that it had not filed a 2002 Annual Report as of the date of the Affidavit of Janice Fisher and the filing of the Complaint, as alleged in paragraph 8 of the Complaint, but

states that said 2002 Annual Report has been filed immediately after receipt of the Complaint.

6. It admits the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of Count One of the Complaint.

7. That Respondent did not receive a form for the Annual Report covering the calendar year 2002 from the Commission.

8. That immediately upon learning of the omission, Respondent has filed its Annual Report for 2002.

9. Further, the Respondent has again advised the Commission of its present mailing address and is changing its registered agent and registered office with the Corporation Division of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

WHEREFORE, Respondent S.T. Ventures, L.L.C. prays the Complaint in this action be dismissed.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing Answer to Complaint was mailed this 18th day of March, 2004, postage prepaid, to:

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Shankland", written over a horizontal line.

Richard W. Shankland