THREE RIVERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission PO Box 360 Jefferson City MO 65102

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative wishes to comment in opposition to Case No. EX-2003-0489:

First, Three Rivers Electric Cooperative complies as other cooperatives do with the National Electrical Safety Code. Cooperatives are regulated by Rural Utilities Service, a federal agency, and are required by insurers to meet safety requirements. Rural Utilities Service representatives, engineers and insurance inspectors inspect cooperative lines and facilities.

Lastly, only vague references as to the costs of the program are made. It is our concern, that in a time state government should be reducing costs, additional costs will be placed on the taxpayers and Three Rivers' rate payers.

It appears to us that this would be duplication of reporting now required by OSHA.

Sincerely,

WALTER R. RYAN, General Manager

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