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FORMAL COMPLAINT FORM

Attach extra pages as necessary.

Missouri Public Service Commission

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Adhol W. D	enq,
	Complainant,
v.	
Spire	
(Utility's name here)	
	Respondent,

File No.

(PSC fills this in)

FORMAL COMPLAINT

1 Complainant resides at	
2. The utility service complained o	f was received at:

- a. Complainant's address listed in paragraph 1.
- b. A different address:

(Address where service is provided, if different from Complainant's address)

(State) (Zip Code)

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Respondent's address is:

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(Address of complainant)

(City) (State) (Zip Code) 4. Respondent is a public utility under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public

Service Commission.

- 5. The amount at issue is: \$
 (If your complaint is about money state how much is in dispute here.)
- 6. Complainant now requests the following relief:

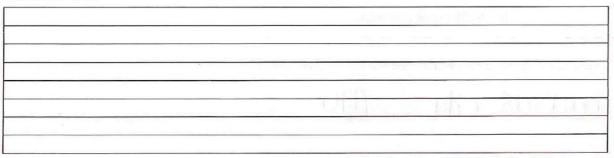
(Explain what you want the Commission to do: the specific results you are seeking in this complaint.)

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from Spine's neglect to turn on gas line to no	Kom
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7. The relief requested is appropriate because Respondent has violated a

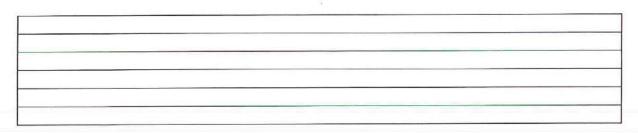
statute, tariff, or Commission regulation or order, as follows:

(Explain why the Commission should grant the relief you seek: the facts that constitute a violation of a statute, tariff, or Commission regulation or order.)



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8. The Complainant has taken the following steps to present this matter to

the Respondent:

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(Please describe in detail what steps you have already taken to resolve this complaint.)
On December 8, 3021 I called Spire to have my gas
fined on in the home I purchased & closed on Jan 1, 2022.
They did not turn if on due to not having proof, that I
owned home. I gent them the proof they requested and they
did not tun on the heat. Kassie, mortgage ingh for 0
Manstreef Mtg. contailed them (Spire) i day them the
domentation and on July 15, 2022 - heat/gas Still not
turned on. In September 2022 I went to atty generals
office and completed consumer complaint form.
I received a bill October 21, 2022 in the art. of
\$ 12.39,69 (from priv owner's bill) and was told I had
to pay it before gas turned an November 8, 2022 I contacted
aff generals office of they said they'd look into it but
I did not hear buch. I filed a case against Spile
w/ Jackson Co. Court June 2023. Judge said they did not
have authority over this & referred to commission. Heat still
not on I went to commissioner & he commanded Spitte
to him on age & it was turned on 5 days later. Over where
pipes burst a caused & worth of damag. Insurance
repared pipe (& I paid for water damage &
I can provide all documents to substantiate the above.

(Please describe in detail what steps you have already taken to resolve this complaint.)

Date

Signature of Complainant

Complainant's Phone Number

Complainant's Printed Full Name

Alternate Contact Number

Complainant's E-mail Address

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Attach additional pages, as necessary. Attach copies of any supporting documentation. Do not send originals of any supporting documentation.



Missouri Public Service Commission

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POST OFFICE BOX 360 JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102 573-751-3234 573-751-1847 (Fax Number) http://psc.mo.gov JASON R. HOLSMAN Commissioner

GLEN KOLKMEYER Commissioner

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September 14, 2023

Adhol Deng

Re: Formal Complaint

Dear Ms. Deng:

This letter is in response to the complaint you filed against Spire and your indication that you wish to file a formal complaint. You will have the burden of proof in your complaint case and must submit with your formal complaint form any and all documentation/evidence to support your allegations.

A formal complaint must be filed in written form and addressed to Secretary of the *Missouri Public Service Commission, ATTN: Data Center, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City MO 65102-0360*. After filing, the Commission will give the company 30 days to either satisfactorily resolve the complaint or respond in writing with the company position. If the complaint is not settled and the company responds denying the allegations, the Commission may order the Staff to conduct an investigation and may schedule a hearing.

During the complaint process, you must continue to pay to the utility any charges or fees that are not in dispute. Failure to do so is grounds for your complaint to be dismissed, and your service may also be subject to discontinuance. You should contact the company immediately to determine your ongoing payment obligations to avoid the dismissal of your complaint and the potential discontinuance of your service.

The hearing is very similar to a trial in a court of law. At the time of the hearing, state law requires that you present evidence, which will substantiate your claim against the company. The company also will be given the opportunity to present evidence discounting your claims. All parties, including the Commission's Staff, will have the opportunity to cross-examine the other parties' witnesses. Further, any person as defined in 20 CSR 4240-2.010(11), other than an individual, must be represented by an attorney.

Please note further filing requirements in the enclosed Chapter 2 - Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Sincerely,

Charm Lead Customer Service Representative Missouri Public Service Commission

cc: Spire

Enclosures: Chapter 2 – Rules of Practice and Procedure Formal Complaint Form

HOW TO PRESENT YOUR FORMAL COMPLAINT BEFORE THE

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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INTRODUCTION

This guide describes the Missouri Public Service Commission ("PSC") complaint process and how you can present your case to the PSC without a lawyer. In every case, the PSC wants to make the best decision possible. Therefore, the PSC wants to hear the best presentation from all sides.

The PSC has a Consumer Hotline to assist you. If you have talked over your problem with the utility, and have not reached a satisfactory resolution, you can call the PSC's Consumer Hotline. The number is 800-392-4211. The PSC also has a website. The PSC website has information, and links to other sites, addressing a wide range of utility issues. The address is http://psc.mo.gov/. The PSC does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Anyone with an impairment of speech, hearing or vision, or

needing other such assistance, may call 800-392-4211 or TDD hotline 1-800-829-7541. The Commission will make every effort to get this information to you in a usable form.

All complaints are unique so you will probably have an issue not addressed in this guide. This guide therefore references other resources including sources of law. This guide is not law. If the law ever conflicts with this guide, the law controls. Neither this guide nor any other document can substitute for hiring your own lawyer.

THE COMPLAINT PROCESS

WHAT IS A COMPLAINT?

A complaint is a statement that a utility has violated a statute, tariff, or Commission order or regulation. The statutes and PSC regulations provide for an informal complaint and a formal complaint. PSC regulations provide a small formal complaint process designed to be more accessible and easier to use.

INFORMAL COMPLAINT

An informal complaint addresses your dispute with the utility without legalistic procedures. Staff can explain the statute, tariff, or Commission order or regulation governing your complaint. Staff can also serve as an intermediary with the utility. Staff does not speak on the Commission's behalf so, when Staff discusses your informal complaint, that discussion is not the Commission's decision. You have the right to make a formal complaint to the Commission.

FORMAL COMPLAINT

A formal complaint starts a proceeding that resembles a trial in circuit court and leads to a legally binding decision on whether the utility violated a statute, tariff, or Commission order or regulation. That decision is so important that the statutes provide all parties with the right to a hearing. In addition, the PSC's regulations provide pre-hearing procedures including discovery and dispositive motions. A formal complaint is much like a trial in circuit court without a jury.

SMALL FORMAL COMPLAINT

A small formal complaint is a formal complaint in which the amount at issue is less than \$3,000. A small formal complaint differs from other formal complaints in that the hearing must be near where you live: in St. Louis City if that is where you live, your county seat, or within 30 miles of where the utility service was provided. Also, the order deciding your complaint on the merits can issue within 100 days after you file it, though most complainants need more time than that to prepare their case.

HOW TO START A FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCEEDING

First you must write down your formal complaint. You may use the sample complaint form in the back of this guide and fill in the blanks. Or you may draft your own document. Either way, a formal complaint must allege conduct that violates a statute, tariff, or Commission order or regulation. If a formal complaint does not allege conduct that violates a statute, tariff, or Commission order or regulation, the Commission can do nothing with the formal complaint except dismiss it.

Next, you must file that written formal complaint. Filing means that the Commission receives the formal complaint. Send the complaint to:

Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Or use the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") at psc.mo.gov.

Once you have filed your formal complaint, the Commission will assign it a file number. Use the file number when discussing your formal complaint in writing or in person. It helps avoid confusion.

FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Your formal complaint is a type of action called a "contested case," meaning a formally "contested" proceeding before the Commission. It is similar to a trial in circuit court. Formality is reduced but the decision must stand on the law and evidence entered into the record. Generally, see the following authorities:

- <u>Chapter 536, RSMo</u> is the chapter of the Missouri Revised Statutes that sets forth administrative procedure in general. It sets forth the basics of contested case procedure.
- <u>Chapter 386, RSMo</u> is the chapter of the Missouri Revised Statutes that sets forth PSC procedure specifically. It contains several provisions regarding PSC hearings and formal complaints.
- <u>20 CSR 4240-2.070</u>. This is the regulation that applies to PSC formal complaint procedure specifically.

Other laws cited above also apply.

Your formal complaint may proceed through several phases before the Commission's resolution.

• <u>Pleadings</u> include your formal complaint and responsive documents in which the parties set forth what they want, the law that allows that relief, and facts relevant under that law.

- <u>Discovery</u> is the process by which the parties learn about what the other parties know and how they know it. It includes devices like data requests, depositions, interrogatories, document production requests, and subpoenas.
- <u>Pre-Hearing Motions</u> ask the Commission to do something in preparation for hearing, like set a schedule or enforce discovery.
- <u>Dispositive Motions</u> ask the Commission to dispose of the formal complaint without a hearing. Dismissal means the Commission has no authority to address the formal complaint. Summary determination means that no hearing is necessary to decide who wins. Both must have support in the record, like admissions in an opponent's pleadings, or an affidavit to support an allegation outside the pleadings.
- <u>Hearing</u> is where the parties offer the Commission evidence on which the Commission decides the formal complaint. Though statutes and regulations relax the law of evidence, certain fundamentals still apply. Consult the authorities cited above.
- <u>Briefs</u> are written arguments in which parties tell the Commission why they should win by citing the statute, tariff, or Commission regulation or order violated; and citing something in the record, like testimony in the transcript, showing that the violation occurred.
- <u>Report and Order</u> is the Commission's name for a decision made after a hearing on a formal complaint. If no hearing occurs, the Commission calls the decision an order. The Regulatory Law Judge drafts a recommended decision but the Commission is the final decision-maker.

The Commission votes on the decision at an open meeting under an agenda posted in advance. The Commission webcasts its agenda meetings so you can listen on your computer.

The Commission's decision is subject to rehearing until the effective date set forth in the decision. This means that you may ask the Commission to look at the formal complaint some more, including facts that arose after the Commission voted on the decision. But you **must** file your application for rehearing **before the decision's effective date**. An application for rehearing filed **on the effective date is too late**. If the Commission denies an application for rehearing the party who filed it may appeal to a court of law as the statutes provide. If you appeal the Commission's decision, the reviewing court will only look at the issues you set out in an application for rehearing.

HOW THE PSC WORKS

WHAT IS THE PSC?

The PSC is an executive-branch agency of Missouri government that regulates investorowned utilities and some manufactured houses. The legislative branch of Missouri government created the PSC in 1913 and continues to set legal standards for the PSC to follow. The judicial branch of Missouri government reviews decisions of the PSC for compliance with the law. Subject to those branches of government, the PSC operates its own internal legislative, judicial, and executive functions.

STATUTES, TARIFFS, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS

The subject of the complaint must be a violation of at least one of the following.

• <u>Statutes:</u> The Missouri Revised Statutes. The statutes are laws made by elected officials—your State representatives and State senators—in the Missouri General Assembly. Chapters 386, 392, 393, and 536 contain most of the statutes that

govern your complaint. You can view the statutes online at

https://revisor.mo.gov/main/Home.aspx .

- <u>Tariffs.</u> Tariffs are schedules of rates, charges, and terms of service that every utility must have on file with the PSC. You can view tariffs online through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") at https://efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/TariffSearch.html.
- <u>Regulations.</u> The Code of State Regulations. Regulations (or "rules") are laws made by officials like the Commissioners of the PSC. The PSC's regulations are at 20 CSR 4240. You can view the regulations online at <u>http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/csr.asp</u>.
- <u>Orders.</u> the PSC might also impose other requirements on a utility by order directed to that utility alone. You can view orders online through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") at <u>https://efis.psc.mo.gov</u>.

OTHER LAW

Other sources of law that determine your complaint are published in hard copy, which might be available at a public library or law library, and online. The most important laws include:

> <u>Case Law.</u> Case law is made by Missouri appellate courts—the Missouri Court of Appeals and the Missouri Supreme Court—when they decide an appeal from another governmental body. Missouri appellate court opinions are posted at <u>http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=1944</u>.

• <u>Commission Decisions</u>. Decisions in other cases can give you an idea of how the Commission analyses formal complaints like yours.

• <u>Federal Authorities.</u> These may include federal statutes, regulations, and case law. You can also consult secondary sources—books and journal articles that generally outline legal processes and explore specific legal issues. They include the Missouri Bar's deskbook series, Thomson Reuter's Missouri Practice Series, and the Journal of the Missouri Bar. Each of those bodies of law is available from other hard copy and online sources, but some online sources are expensive, and some are not as easy to use as the hard copies of authorities listed here. You may find secondary sources at a public library or a law library.

WHO IS WHO AT THE PSC?

The PSC consists of five commissioners, each appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the Missouri Senate. The commissioners serve staggered six-year terms. Biographies of the commissioners are available online at https://psc.mo.gov/Commissioners/. The Commissioners employ the following persons to help them process complaints.

- <u>Data Center.</u> The PSC's Data Center operates EFIS, receives filings, transmits order and notices, and keeps the Commission's records.
- <u>Staff.</u> The PSC hires neutral experts in engineering, accountancy, economics, and others, to help it make the best decisions possible. So that everyone knows what Staff is telling the Commission, the Commission's regulations provide that Staff is a party—like you and the utility—to your complaint. Staff will investigate your complaint and file a report of its findings in your complaint file.
- <u>Staff Counsel</u>. Staff Counsel is a group of lawyers that the PSC hires to represent Staff in actions including your complaint.

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As in an informal complaint, Staff does not speak on the Commission's behalf, nor does Staff Counsel. Staff reports to the Commission, and sometimes the Commission agrees with Staff, but sometimes the Commission does not. So when Staff issues a report or a recommendation, it does not determine your complaint. In a formal complaint, you have the right to make your case to the Commission.

You may contact any of those persons about your complaint but none of them is your advocate in a formal complaint. Unlike a criminal prosecution, there is no right to appointed counsel before the PSC.

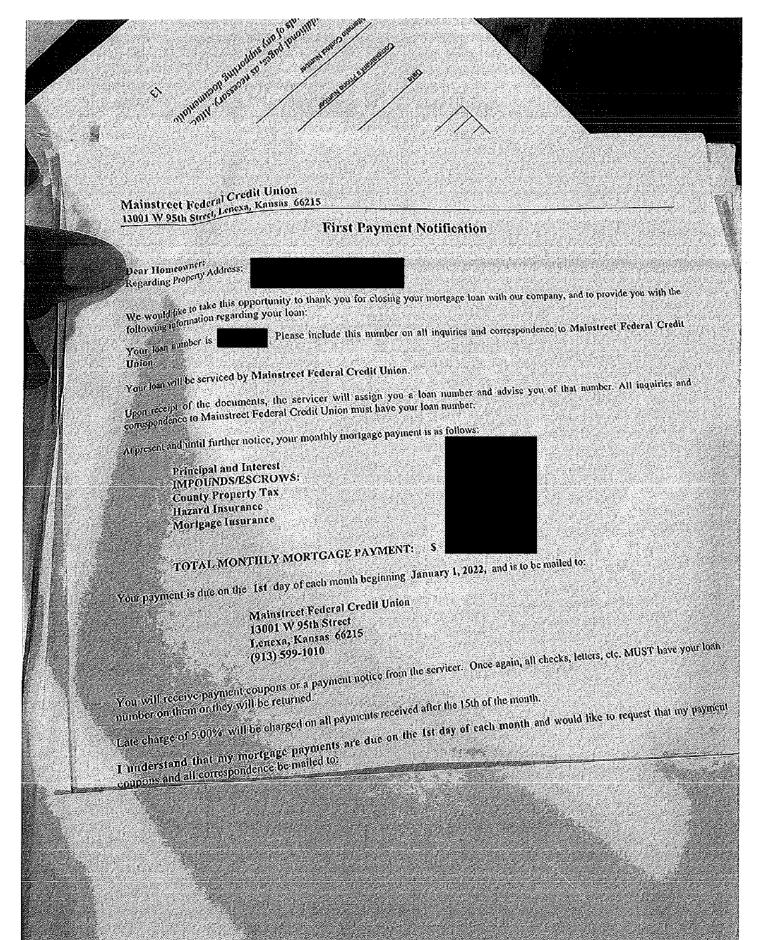
In addition, the Commission assigns to your formal complaint a:

<u>Regulatory Law Judge ("RLJ").</u> An RLJ is a lawyer employed by the PSC to conduct proceedings in a variety of actions including your formal complaint. The RLJ will manage your case, issue orders on motions or on the RLJ's own initiative, convene conferences and an evidentiary hearing, and issues orders addressing your formal complaint. The RLJ's order may constitute a recommendation to the Commission for the commissioners to vote on, or an order may be effective right away.

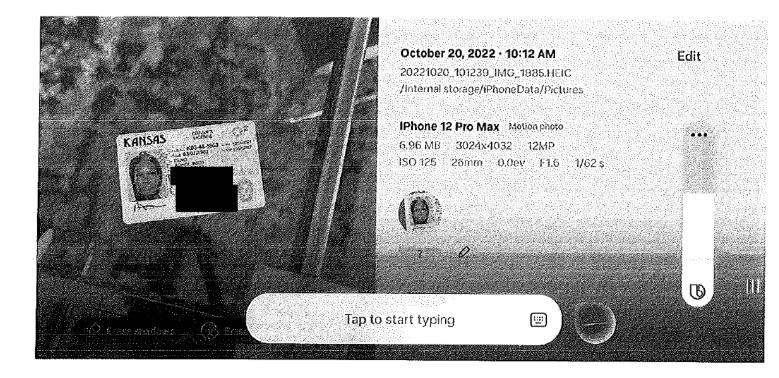
Do not contact the RLJ about your case except in writing copied to all parties.

To represent all ratepayers, the statutes also create:

• <u>The Office of Public Counsel ("OPC").</u> OPC is an office of Missouri government independent of the PSC. But OPC represents the public in general and no one person in particular. PSC regulations make OPC a party to every case.







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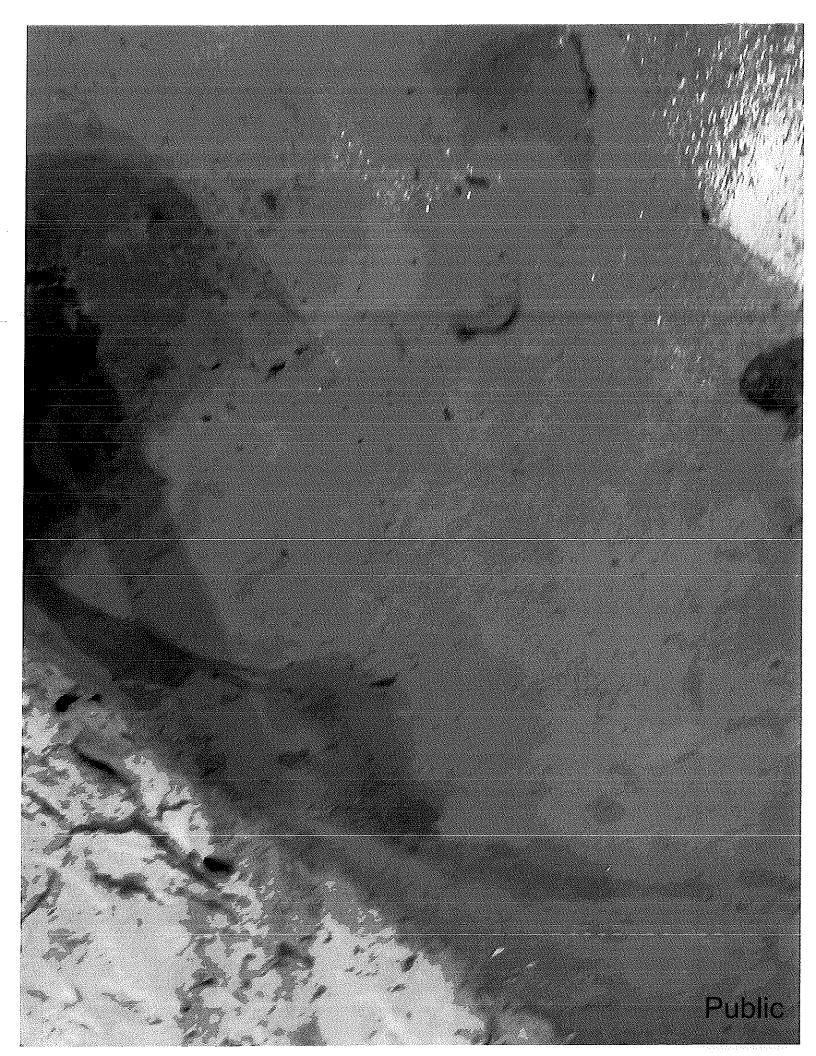
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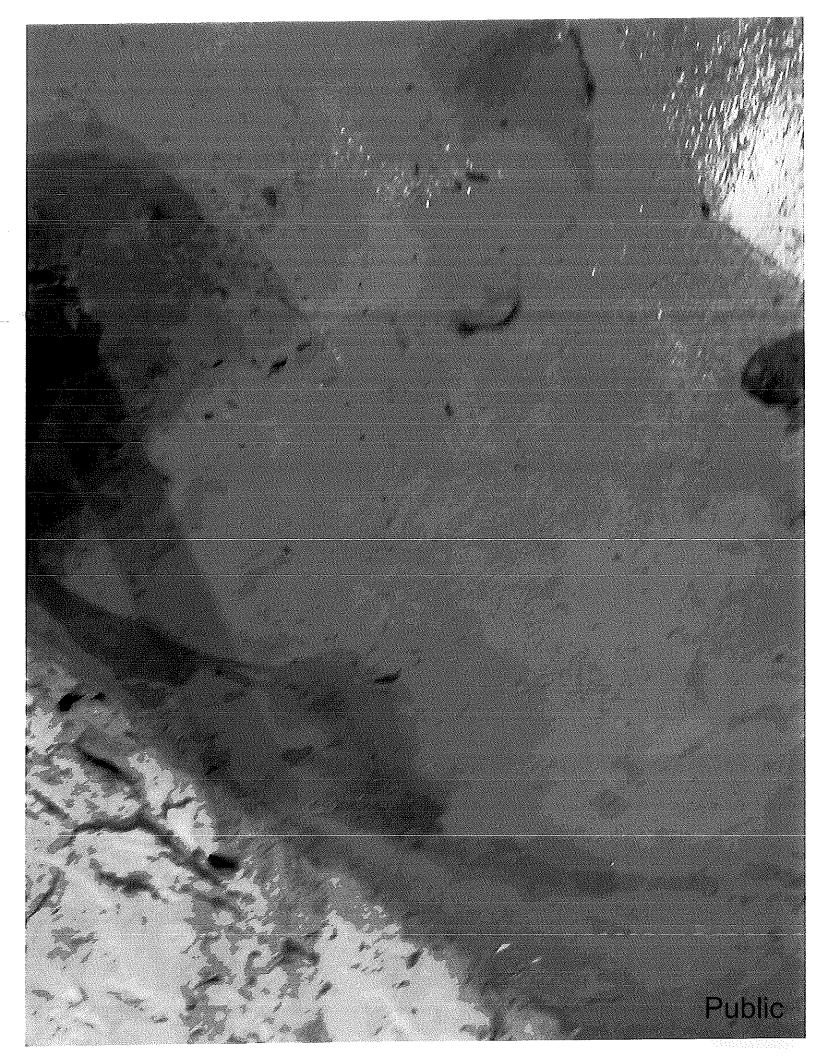
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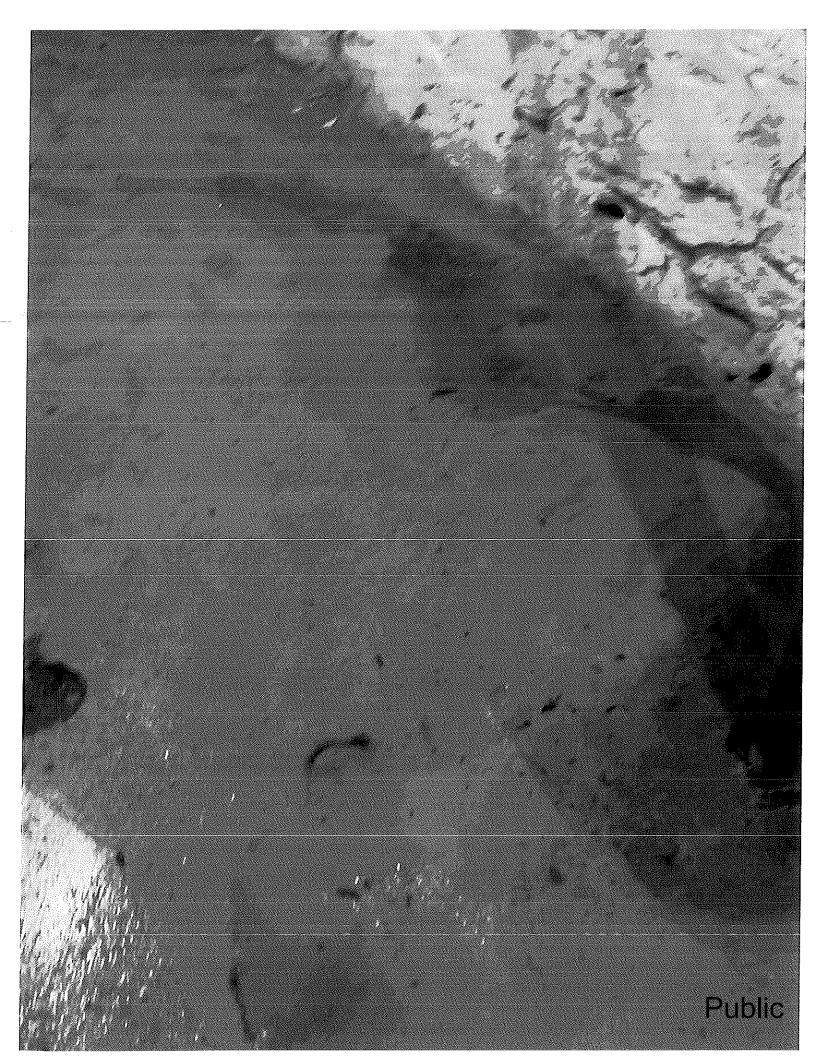
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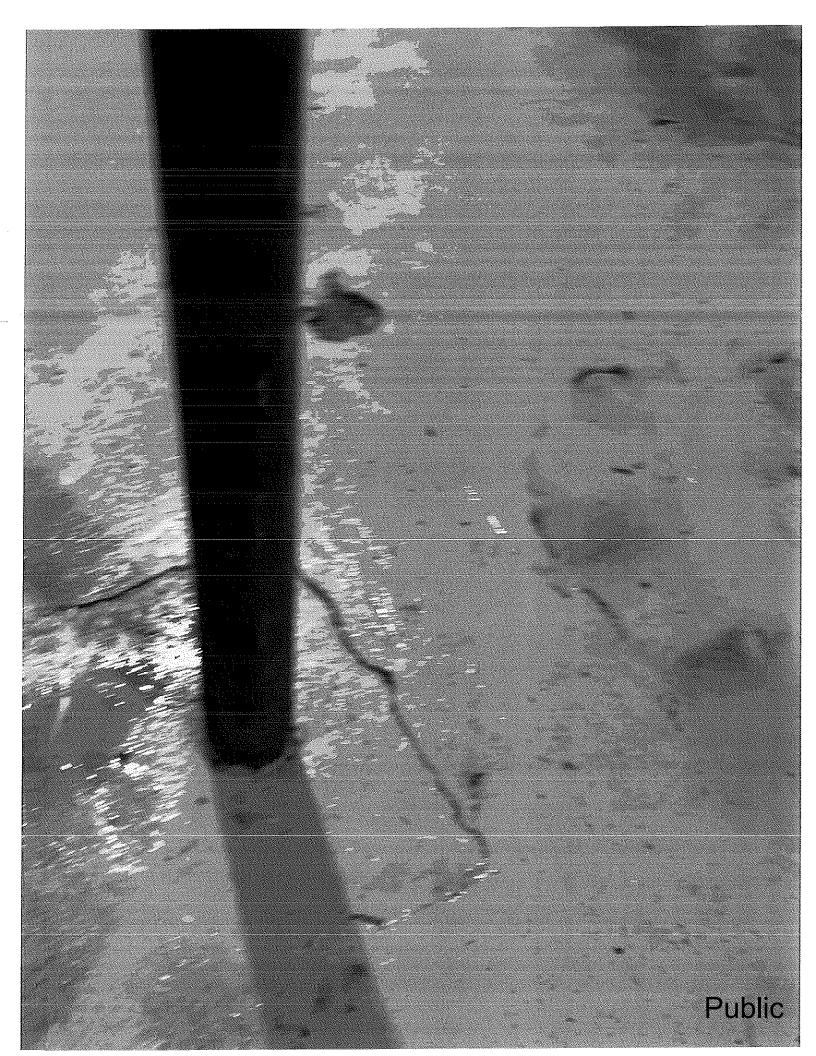
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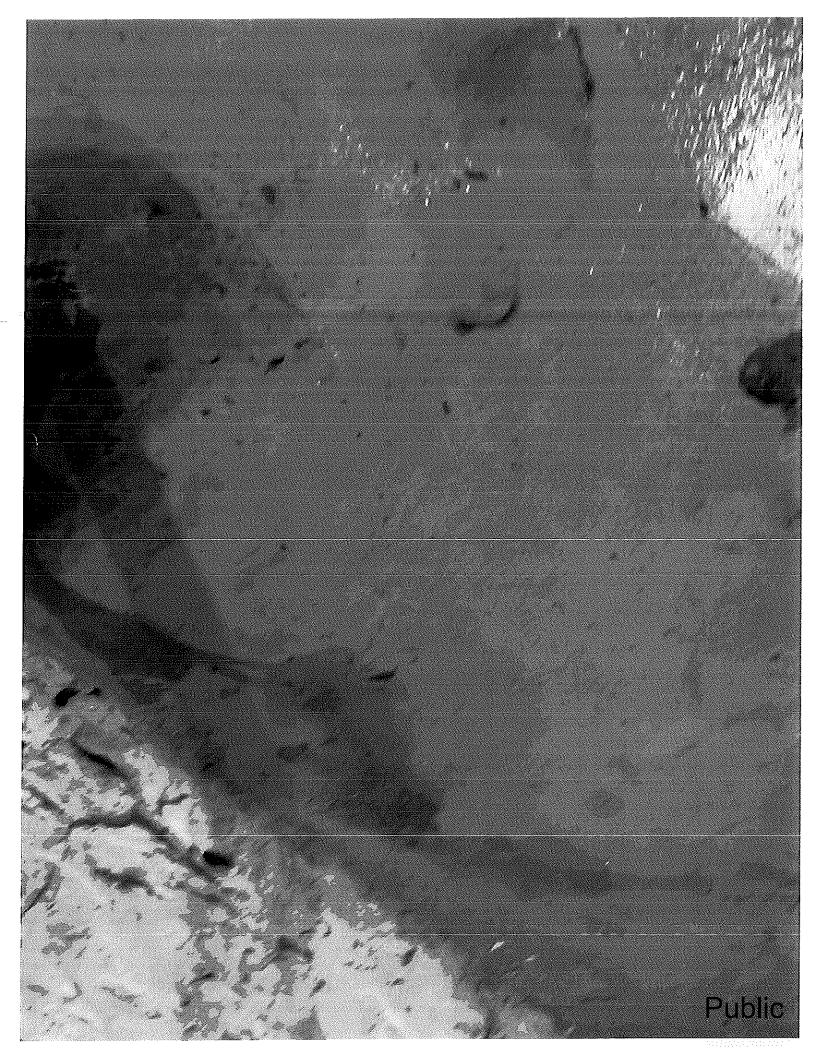


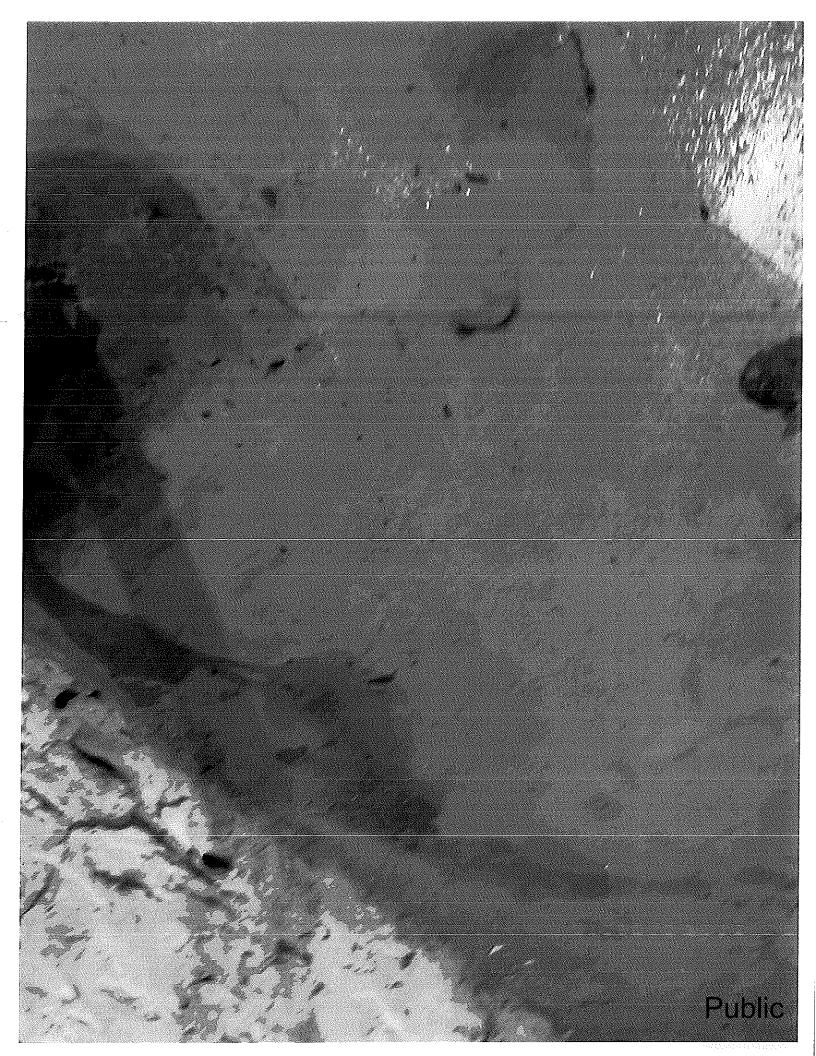


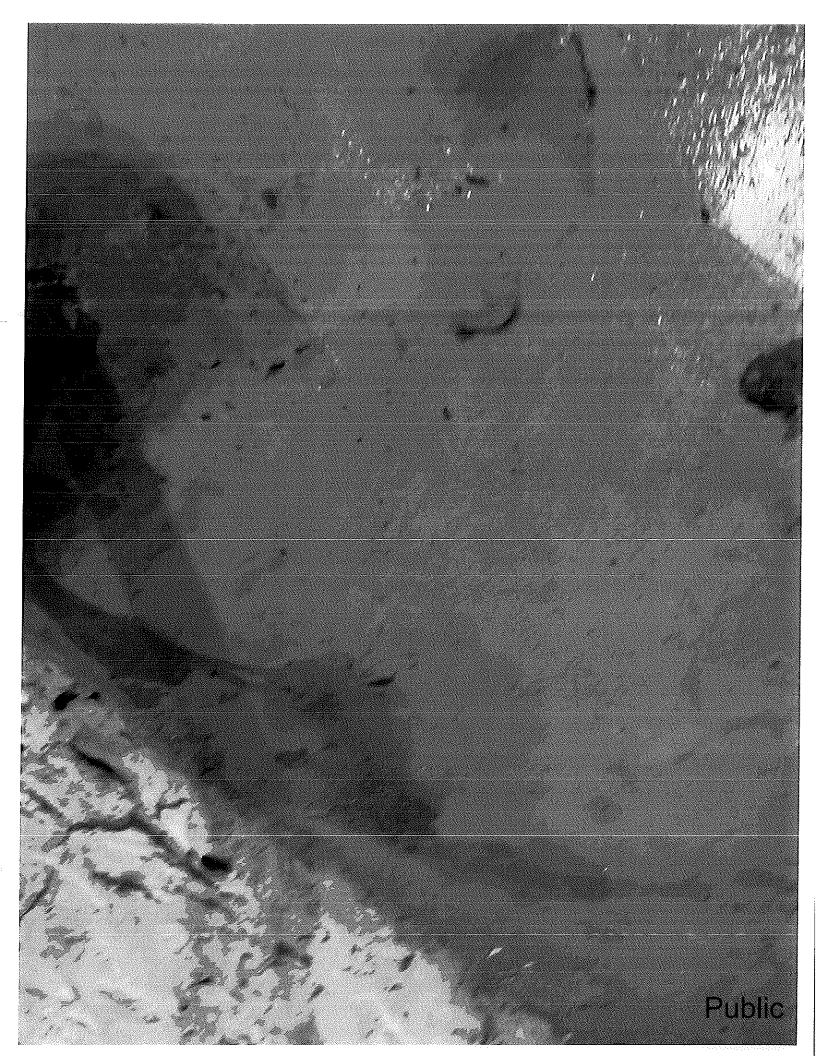


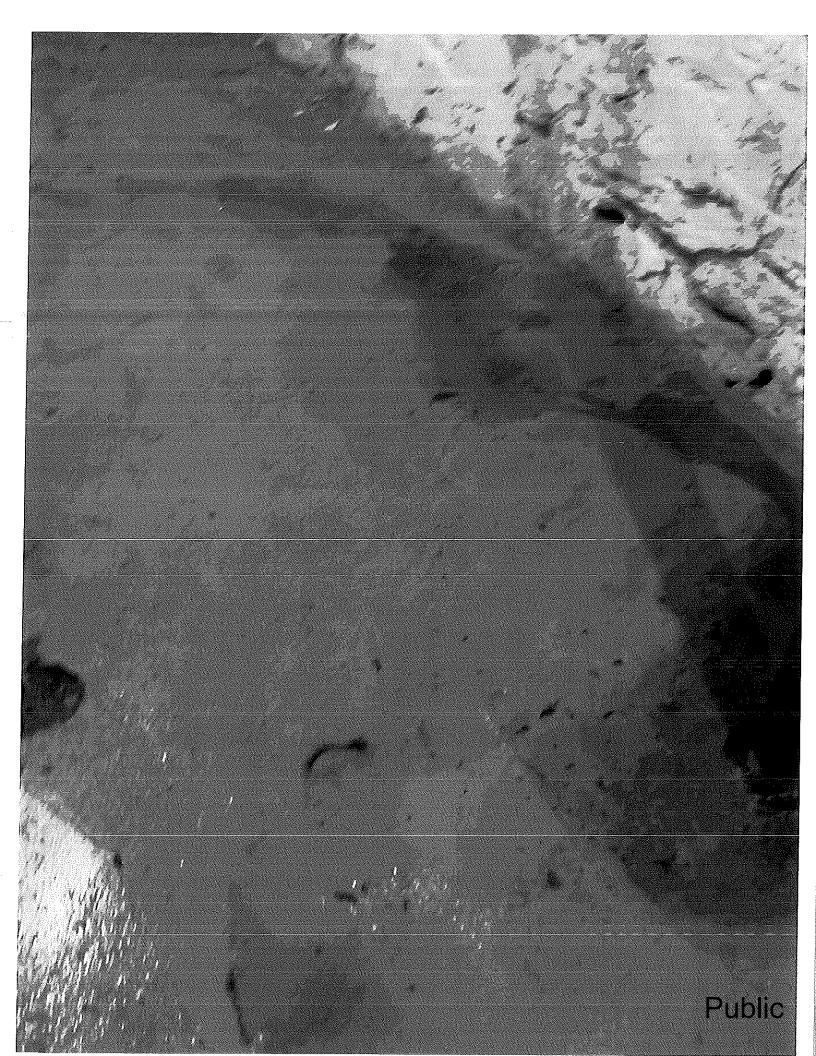


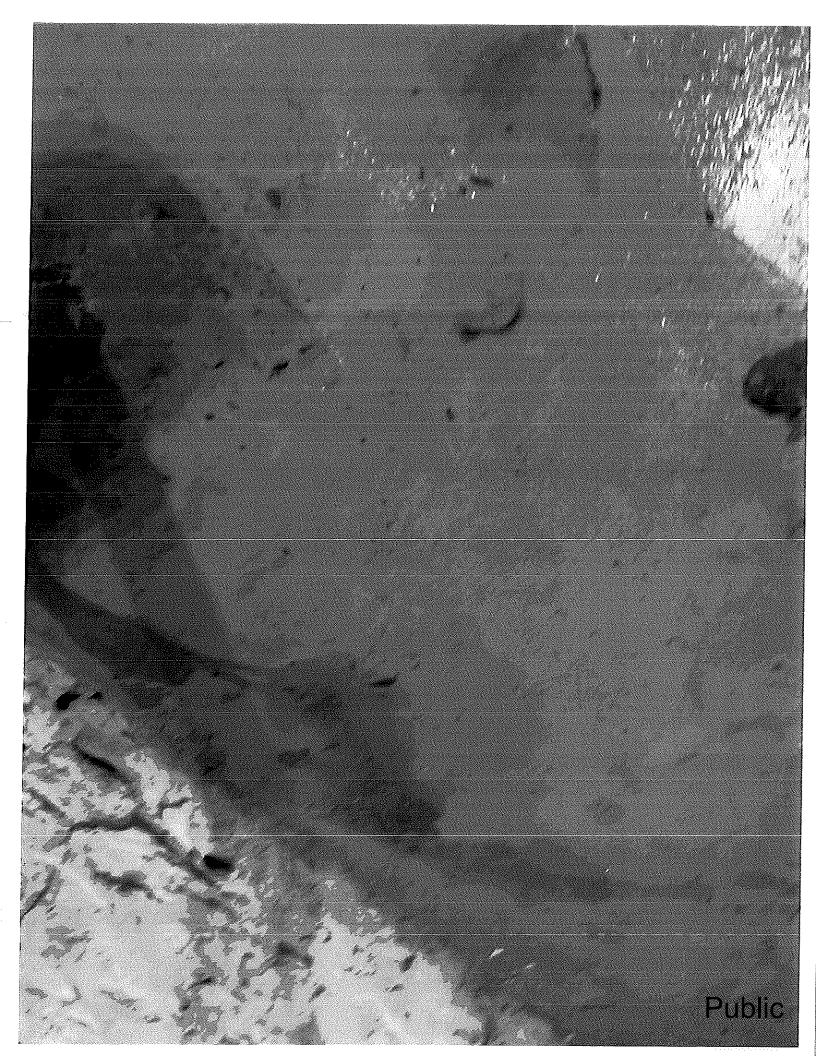


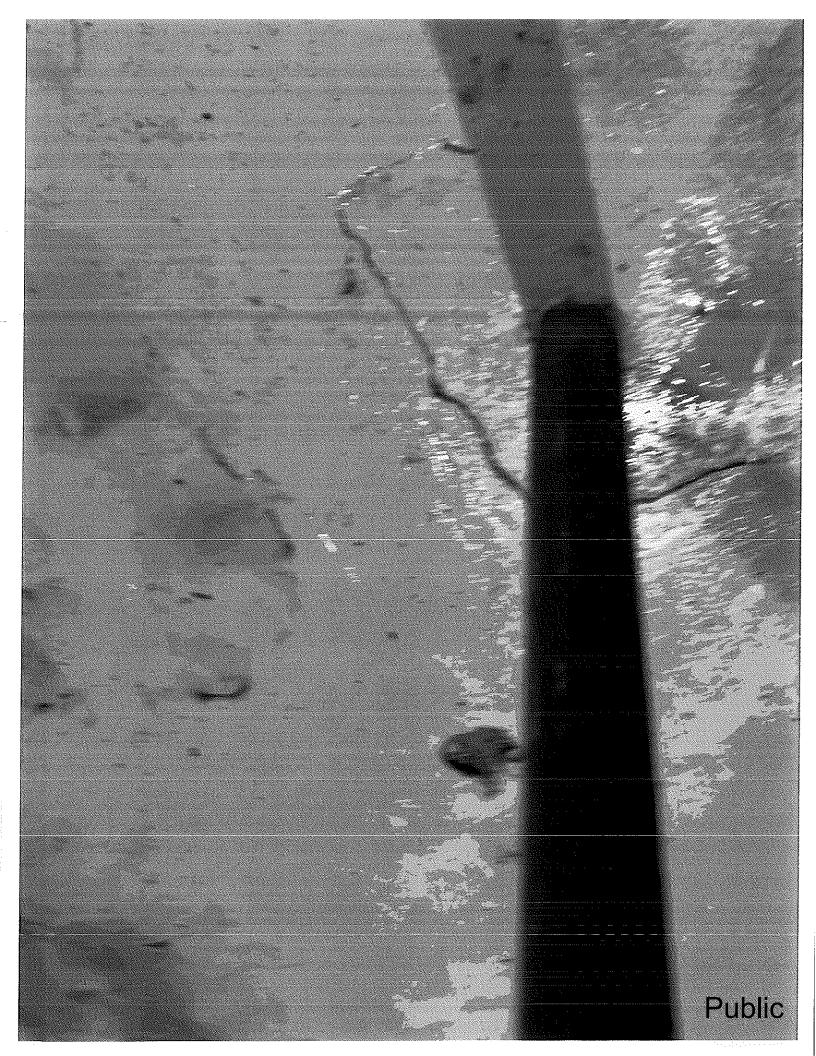




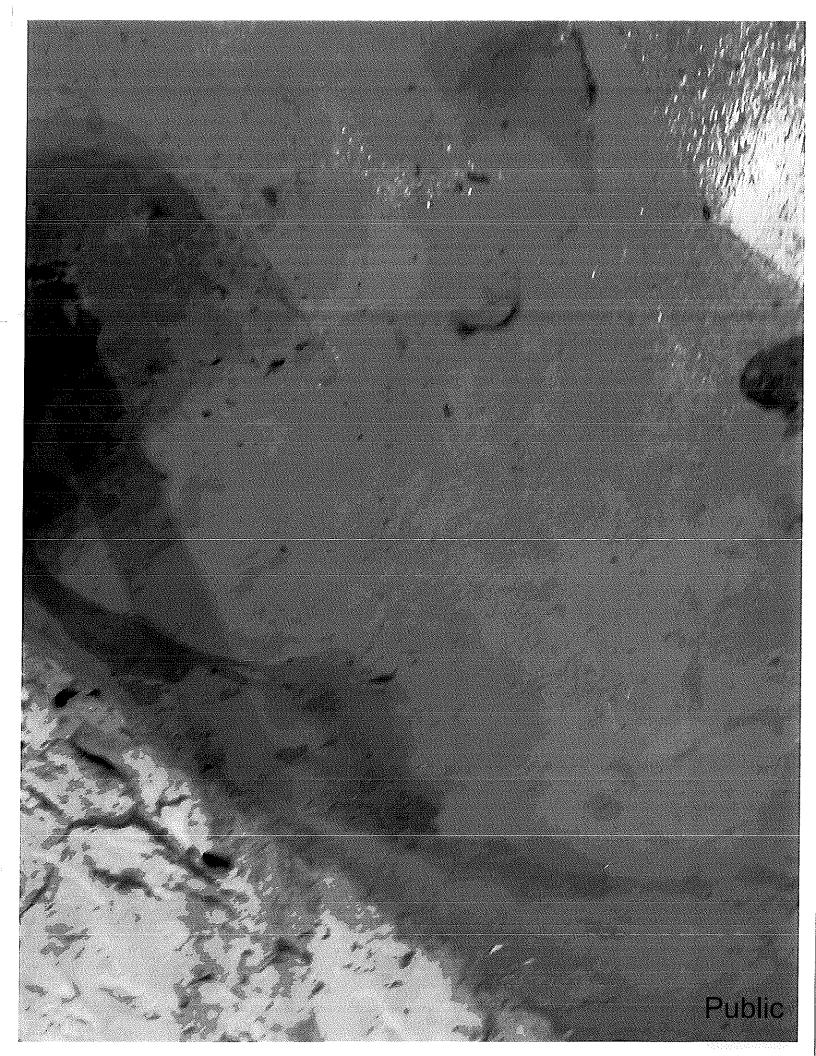


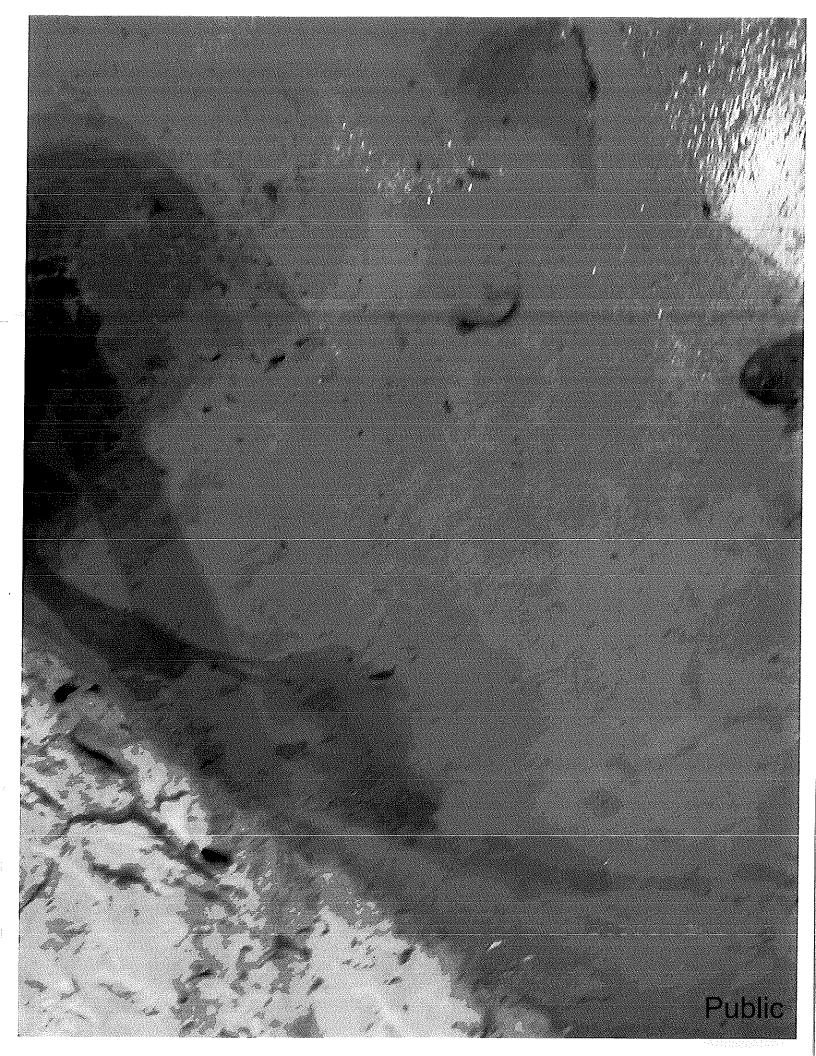


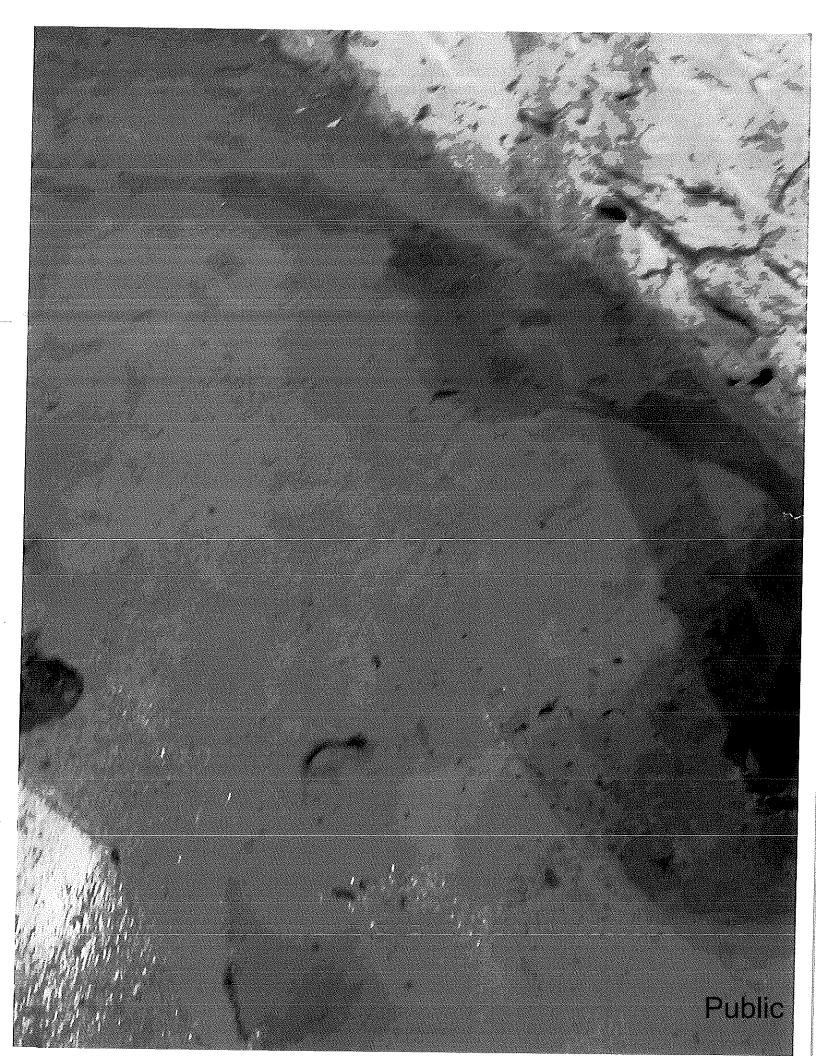




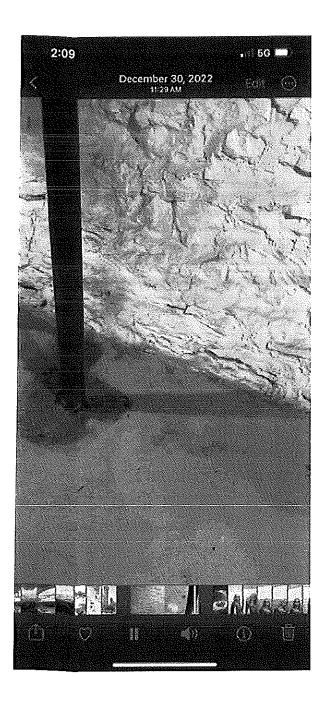






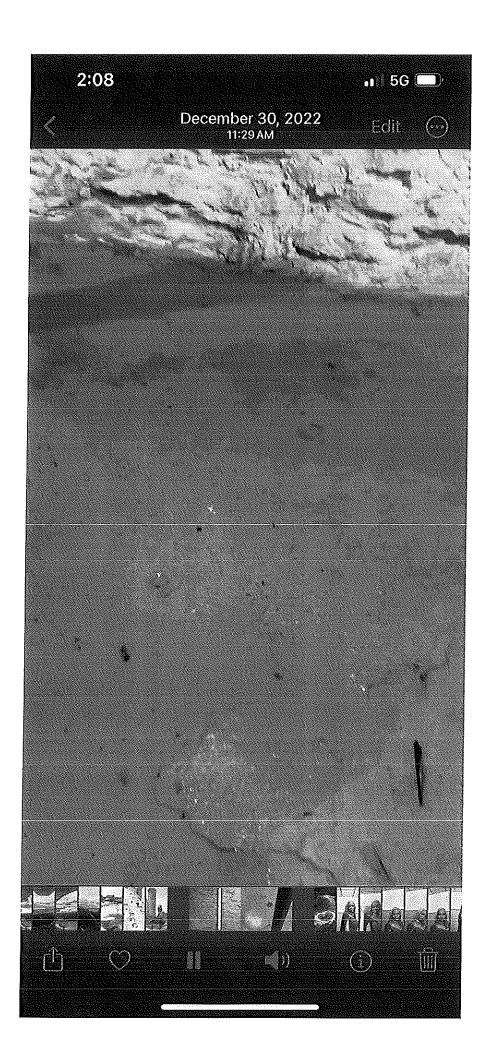






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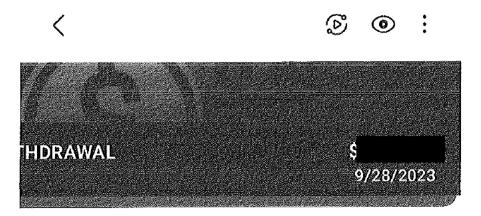
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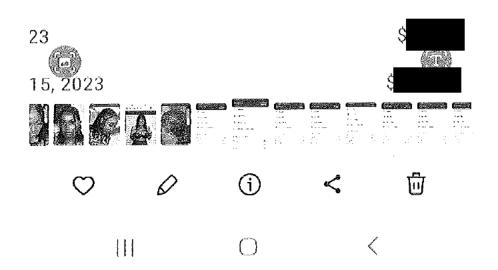
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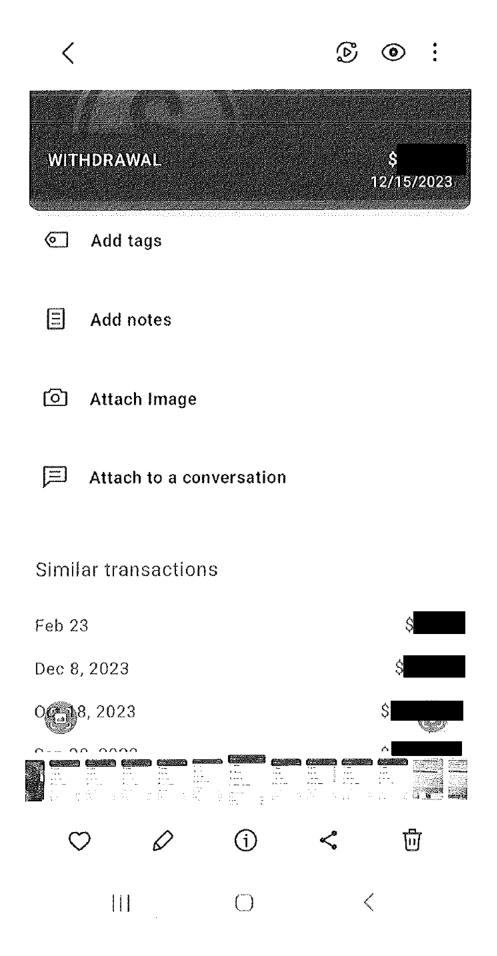
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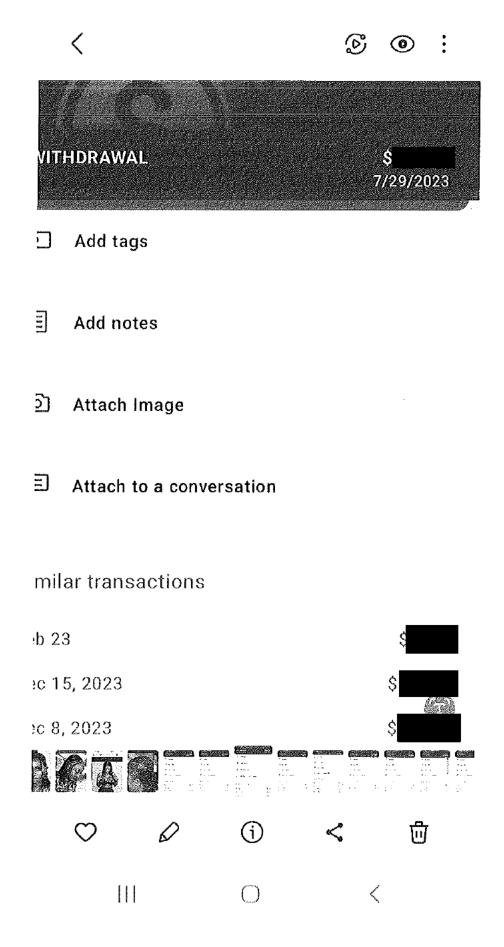
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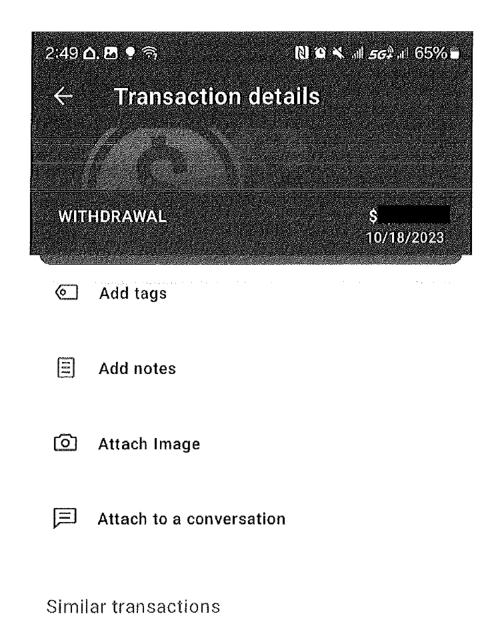
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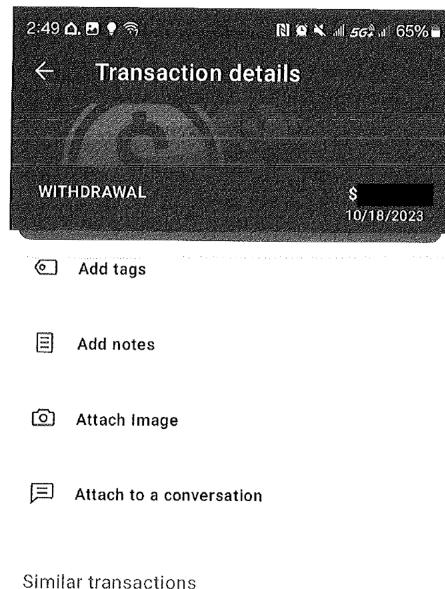
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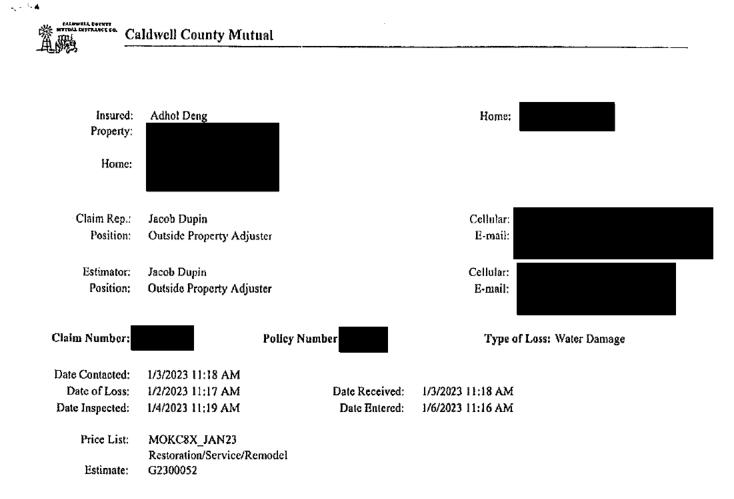
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Dear Adhol Deng,

This repair estimate represents the scope and price of repairs that Caldwell County Mutual proposes with respect to your claim. If your contractor disagrees with this estimate, please contact Jacob Dupin immediately. Caldwell County Mutual must authorize any supplemental work or additional expenses before they can be completed. Failure to allow Caldwell County Mutual to review any supplemental work or additional expenses may result in you being financially responsible for the additional costs. Caldwell County Mutual does not guarantee the work of any contractor. This estimate is not intended as a waiver or relinquishment of any of the Caldwell County Mutual rights or defenses under the policy of insurance.

Thank you for allowing Caldwell County Mutual to serve your insurance needs. Please contact Jacob Dupin at the numbers listed above if you have any questions regarding this estimate or any other matter pertaining to your claim.

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Recap by Category with Depreciation

Items	RCV	Deprec.	ACV
APPLIANCES			
CABINETRY			
GENERAL DEMOLITION			
FLOOR COVERING - VINYL			
PLUMBING			
WATER EXTRACTION & REMEDIATION			
Subtotal			
Material Sales Tax			
Total			

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Recap of Taxes

	Material Sales Tax (9.85%)	Manuf. Home Tax (9.85%)	Food Tax (6.85%)
Line Items Total			

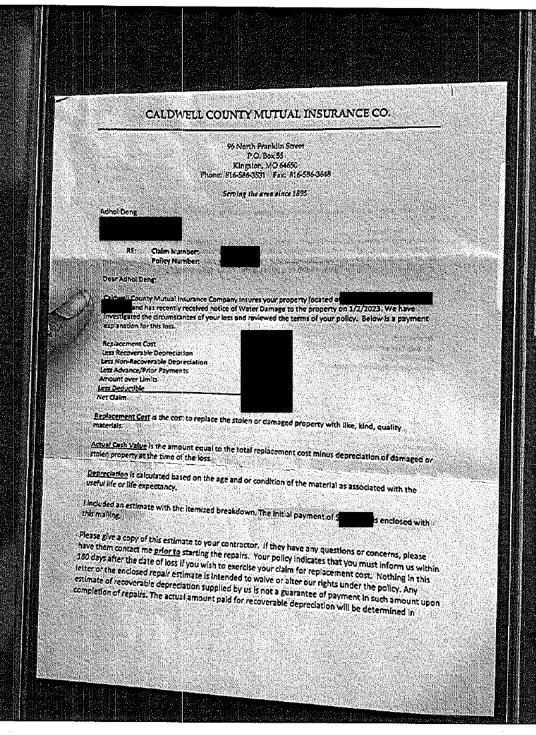
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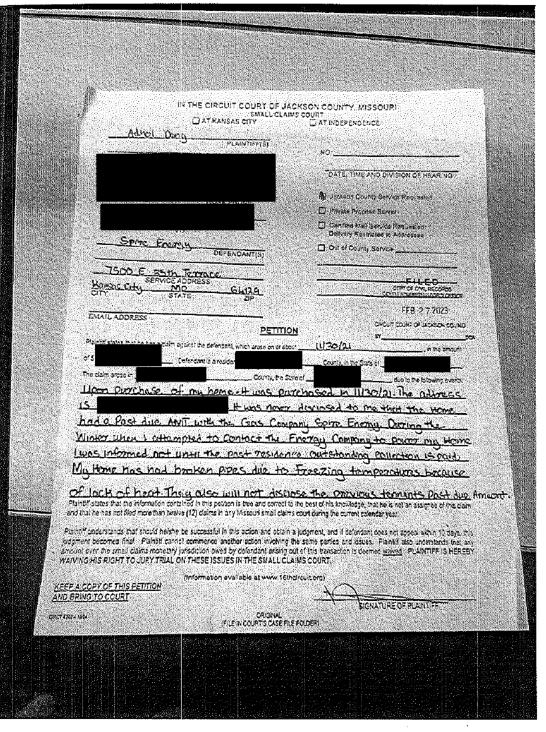


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