

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Michael Brower,)	
)	
COMPLAINANT,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. WC-2017-0207
)	
Branson Cedars Resort Utility)	
Company, LLC,)	
)	
RESPONDENT.)	

**BRANSON CEDARS RESORT UTILITY COMPANY, LLC'S
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW Respondent Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company, LLC, by and through undersigned counsel, and for its Answer to the Complaint of Michael Brower alleging that his duplex should not be treated as a duplex, states as follows:

1. Respondent is without sufficient information to admit or deny Paragraph 1 of Complainant's Complaint.
2. Respondent admits Paragraph 2 of Complainant's Complaint.
3. Respondent denies Paragraph 3 of Complainant's Complaint.
4. Respondent admits Paragraph 4 of Complainant's Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. Respondent notes that, in his own Complaint, Complainant admits that the structure was intended to be used as a duplex. The fact that Complainant has decided to rent out the duplex as one unit (i.e., how Complainant chooses to use the duplex), does not mean that the building is not a duplex.

2. Respondent questions that Complainant is the owner of the duplex in question, and if true, Complainant would lack standing to assert this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered, Respondent prays for an Order of the Missouri Public Service Commission dismissing Complainant's Complaint and for such other and further orders and relief as the Court may deem proper under the circumstances.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to the following this 8th day of March, 2017:

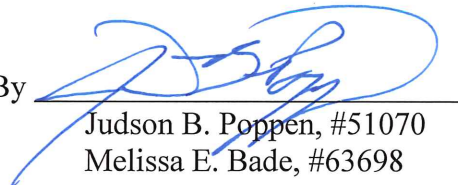
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