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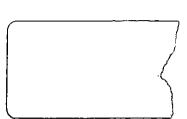
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# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,	)
Complainant,	) ) Case No. TC-2004-0410
v.	) Case No. 1C-2004-0410
Forum Executive Suites – K.C.,	<b>)</b>
Respondent.	)

## NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Forum Executive Suites – K.C. 11221 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Dr., #E104 Phoenix. Arizona 85029-5615

#### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

On February 18, 2004, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint with the Commission against Forum Executive Suites. A copy of the complaint is enclosed. Under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070, Forum Executive Suites has 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer or to file notification that the complaint has been satisfied. Forum Executive Suites is reminded that, as a corporation, it cannot appear before the Commission unless it is represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri. Therefore, its answer must be signed by a Missouri attorney.

All pleadings must be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360 A copy must be served upon the Staff of the Commission at the address listed within the enclosed complaint.

BY THE COMMISSION

Lake Hard Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of February, 2004.

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# DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Respondent.	)	

#### <u>COMPLAINT</u>

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and initiates its complaint pursuant to Section 386.390 and 4 CSR 240-2.070, against Forum Executive Suites-K.C. (the "Company") for violation of the Commission's statutes and rules relating to annual report filings. In support of its complaint, Staff respectfully states as follows:

#### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Respondent Forum Executive Suites-K.C. is a "telecommunications company" and "public utility" as defined in Section 386.020 RSMo (2000) and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 386.250. The Commission granted the Company a certificate of service authority to provide shared tenant services in Case No. TA-92-75 on January 3, 1992. The Company has provided the following contact information to the Commission:

Forum Executive Suites-K.C. 11221 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Dr., #E104 Phoenix, AZ 85029-5615

The Company does not have a registered agent, according to the records of the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

- 2. Section 386.390.1 authorizes the Commission to entertain a complaint "setting forth any act or thing done or omitted to be done by a public utility in violation of any law, or of any rule, order or decision" of the Commission.
- 3. Commission practice Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(1) provides that the Commission's Staff, through the General Counsel, may file a complaint.
- 4. The Missouri courts have imposed a duty upon the Public Service Commission to first determine matters within its jurisdiction before proceeding to those courts. As a result, "[t]he courts have ruled that the Division cannot act only on the information of its staff to authorize the filing of a penalty action in circuit court; it can authorize a penalty action only after a contested hearing." State ex rel. Sure-Way Transp., Inc. v. Division of Transp., Dept. of Economic Development, State of Mo., 836 S.W.2d 23, 27 (Mo.App. W.D. 1992) (relying on State v. Carroll, 620 S.W.2d 22 (Mo. App. 1981)); see also State ex rel. Circse v. Ridge, 138 S.W.2d 1012 (Mo.banc 1940). If the Commission determines after a contested hearing that the Company failed, omitted, or neglected to file its annual report and/or pay its annual assessment, the Commission may then authorize its General Counsel to bring a penalty action in the circuit court as provided in Section 386.600.

#### COUNT ONE

- 5. Section 392.210.1 states that telecommunications companies must "file an annual report with the Commission at a time and covering the yearly period fixed by the commission."
- 6. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.540(1) requires all telecommunications companies to file their annual reports on or before April 15 of each year.
- 7. On February 3, 2003, the Executive Director of the Commission sent all regulated utilities, including Forum Executive Suites-K.C., a letter notifying them of the requirement to file an annual report covering the calendar year 2002, together with the appropriate form for the

Company to complete and return to the Commission and instructions on how the Company may complete its filing electronically. The letter was sent to the address that was current in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") at that time, and the letter was not returned.

- 8. The Company never returned a completed form, nor did it file its annual report electronically; and as of the date of this pleading, has not filed its 2002 Annual Report. See Affidavit of Janis Fischer, attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A.
- 9. Section 392.210.1 provides that "[i]f any telecommunications company shall fail to make and file its annual report as and when required or within such extended time as the commission may allow, such company shall forfeit to the state the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day it shall continue to be in default with respect to such report...."

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Staff now requests that the Commission open a complaint case pursuant to Section 386.390; and, after hearing, find that Forum Executive Suites-K.C. failed, omitted, or neglected to file its 2002 Annual Report with the Commission as required by Missouri statute and Commission orders, and authorize its General Counsel to bring a penalty action against the Company in the circuit court as provided in Section 386.600, based on the statutory penalties set forth in Section 392.210.1 (for failing to file annual reports).

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE General Counsel

#### /s/ Bruce H. Bates

Bruce H. Bates Associate General Counsel Missouri Bar No. 35442

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#### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2004.

/s/ Bruce H. Bates

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I, Janis E. Fischer, Utility Regulatory Auditor IV, of the Commission's Auditing Department, first being duly sworn on my oath state that the Public Service Commission's records do not reflect the receipt of the 2002 Annual Report from Forum Executive Suites – K.C.

Janis E. Fischer

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Hebenory, 2004.

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#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 20th day of Feb. 2004.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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### MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 20, 2004

Case No. TC-2004-0410

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Enclosed find a certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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