

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

John J. Williams II
(your name)

Complainant

vs.

Case No. EC-2000-73

Ameren UE
(company name)

Respondent.

COMPLAINT

Complainant resides at 154 Keyes School Rd.

Ulman, MO. 65083

1. Respondent, Ameren UE
(company name)

of St Louis, Missouri, is a public utility under the jurisdiction of
the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri.

2. As the basis of this complaint, complainant states the following facts:

irregular service: Power outages lasting
in excess of 2 hours 7 times in 8 days.

3. The complainant has taken the following steps to present this complaint to the respondent:

Contacted Ameren U.E. and reported power outages.

WHEREFORE, Complainant now requests the following relief:

Powerline to be efficiently handle customer load and eliminate power outages.

8-1-99

Date

John J. Williams Jr.

Signature of Complainant

4 CSR 240-2.070 Complaints

PURPOSE: *This rule establishes the procedures for filing formal and informal complaints with the commission.*

(1) The commission, the public counsel, or any person or public utility as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.010 who feels aggrieved by a violation of any statute, rule, order or decision within the commission's jurisdiction may file a complaint. The aggrieved party, or complainant, has the option to file either an informal or a formal complaint.

(2) **Informal Complaints.** To file an informal complaint, the complainant shall state, either in writing, by telephone (consumer services hotline—1-800-392-4211, or TDD hotline—1-800-829-7541), or in person at the commission's offices—

(A) The name, street address and telephone number of each complainant and, if one (1) person asserts authority to act on behalf of the others, the source of that authority;

(B) The address where the utility service was rendered;

(C) The name and address of the party against whom the complaint is filed;

(D) The nature of the complaint, and the complainant's interest therein;

(E) The relief requested;

(F) The measures taken by the complainant to resolve the complaint; and

(G) If a complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of the informal complaint, a formal complaint may be filed.

(3) **Formal Complaints.** Formal complaint may be made by the commission on its own motion, by its general counsel or by the public counsel, or by any person as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.010, by petition or complaint in writing, setting forth any act or thing done or omitted to be done by any person, corporation or public utility, including any rule or charge established or fixed by or for any person, corporation or public utility, in violation or claimed to be in violation of any provision of law or of any rule or order or decision of the commission; provided, that no complaint shall be entertained by the commission, except upon its own motion, as to the reasonableness of any rates or charges of any public utility unless the complaint is signed by the public counsel, the mayor or the president or chairman of the board of aldermen or a majority of the council or other legislative body of any town, village, county or other

political subdivision, within which the alleged violation occurred, or not less than twenty-five (25) consumers or purchasers or prospective consumers or purchasers of public utility gas, electricity, water, sewer or telephone service as provided by law. Any public utility has the right to file a formal complaint on any of the grounds upon which complaints are allowed to be filed by other persons and the same procedure shall be followed as in other cases.

(4) The commission shall not be required to dismiss any complaint because of the absence of direct damage to the complainant.

(5) The complaint shall contain the following information:

(A) The name, street address, signature and telephone number of each complainant and, if different, the address where the subject utility service was rendered;

(B) The name and address of the person, corporation or public utility against whom the complaint is being filed;

(C) The nature of the complaint and the complainant's interest in the complaint, in a clear and concise manner;

(D) The relief requested and a statement as to whether the complainant has directly contacted the person, corporation or public utility about which complaint is being made;

(E) The jurisdiction of the commission over the subject matter of the complaint; and

(F) An association filing a formal complaint shall list all of its members as an appendix to the complaint.

(6) The commission, without argument and without hearing, may dismiss a complaint for failure to state facts upon which relief can be granted or may strike irrelevant allegations.

(7) Upon the filing of a complaint in substantial compliance with these rules, the secretary shall serve by certified mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the complaint upon the person, corporation or public utility against whom the complaint has been filed, which will be accompanied by a notice that the matter complained of be satisfied or that the complaint be answered by the respondent, unless otherwise ordered, within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice.

(8) The respondent shall file an answer to the complaint within the time provided. All grounds of defense, both of law and of fact,

shall be raised in the answer. If the respondent has no information or belief upon the subject sufficient to enable the respondent to answer an allegation of the complaint, the respondent may so state in the answer and assert a denial upon that ground.

(9) If the respondent in a complaint case fails to file a timely answer, the complainant's averments shall be deemed admitted unless good cause is found by the commission to extend the filing date of the answer.

(10) The commission may order, at any time after the filing of a complaint, an investigation by its staff as to the cause of the complaint. The staff shall file a report of its findings with the commission and all parties to the complaint case. The investigative report shall not be made public unless released in accordance with section 386.480, 392.210(2) or 393.140(3), RSMo, or during the course of the hearing involving the complaint.

(11) When the commission determines a hearing should be held, the commission shall fix the time and place that a hearing will be had upon the complaint and shall serve notice upon the affected person, corporation or public utility not fewer than ten (10) days before the time set for the hearing, unless the commission shall find the public necessity requires that the hearing be held at an earlier date.

(12) All matters upon which a complaint may be founded may be joined in one (1) hearing and no motion for dismissal shall be entertained against a complainant for misjoinder of causes of action or grievances or misjoinder or nonjoinder of parties.

(13) Formal complaints must comply with the filing requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.080 and 4 CSR 240-2.040.

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