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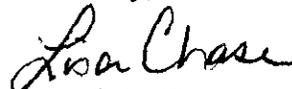
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Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find an original and eight (8) copies of the Joint Status Report.

Thank you for seeing this filed.

Sincerely,


Lisa Cole Chase

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Ozark Border Electric Cooperative,)
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Complainant,)
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vs.)
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City of Poplar Bluff,)
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Respondent.)

Case No. EC-2003-0452

JOINT STATUS REPORT

COME NOW, Ozark Border Electric Cooperative, by and through its attorneys of record, Kennedy, Kennedy & Robbins, LC and Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, L.L.C., and City of Poplar Bluff, by and through its attorneys of record, Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C., and pursuant to the Missouri Commission's November 12, 2003 Order Directing Status Report hereby file their Joint Status Report as follows:

1. The parties participated in a mediation on July 24, 2003 at the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center at the Law School of the University of Missouri-Columbia. The parties did not reach agreement at the mediation, but continued their efforts with ongoing settlement negotiations. The settlement negotiations have reached an impasse, and the parties do not believe further settlement negotiations will be fruitful.
2. As reflected in the Commission's Order, Respondent Poplar Bluff filed its answer to the complaint on October 9, 2003. The parties believe this matter is ready to proceed before the Commission for further determinations.

Respectfully submitted,

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