

Docket #

12-0429

Formal complaint (Testimony)

On 3/30/12 I took possession of 101 St. Thomas to perform renovations. At such time the property had electrical power service. On or about 4/18/12 Ameren sent out an service person to perform an inspection at the address. The power was turned off by the service person. After the inspection it was alleged by Ameren that there was meter tampering. I called Ameren and established electric service in my name. Soon after, I received an letter from Ameren alerting me of their finding and as well holding me responsible for the tampering and they assessed a \$147.00 fine of me and further asserted that if I did not pay their fine soon, they would take up legal action against me.

As I stated before, when I took possession of the property, there was already electrical power on there. Neither, I or any one that I authorized to be at the property had any thing to do with tampering of their meter.

To avoid having any interruption of electrical service that was in my name and to prevent legal action being taken against me, I was forced to pay their charges.

In Ameren alleged claim of tampering, it was never formally stated what the nature of the meter tamper was and how I was found guilty of being responsible for what ever that tampering involved.

In my reviewing of Ameren rules, there exist no rule or article which reference any thing to do with meter tampering. It is there for my opinion that Ameren (In this case) has taken the position of judge and juror and charged and fine me with out proper due process of the law.

After reviewing and establishing that I was being a victim of Ameren wrong doing, I contacted the ICC for assisting. During the ICC reviewing my case, I received a disconnection notices form Ameren, of which the majority of the charges where fine that I was contesting, demanding payment or otherwise they where going to stop service at the property. So I was forced to make their fee payment on in order to continue on with the repair work being preformed at the property .

In summary, I'm seeking the returned of the \$147.00 that I feel that was extorted from me and the ability to establish and retain service in my name.

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Keith Brown 1/8/13

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ON 1/10/2013 I KEITH BROWN HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I DID SERVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IDENTIFIED ON THE DOCKET'S SERVICE LIST BY E-MAIL.

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