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SOUTH AUSTIN COALITION COMMUNITY)
COUNCIL,)

vs.)

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY)
COKE COMPANY.)

NO. 02-0706

AFFIDAVIT OF *Leslie Barnes*

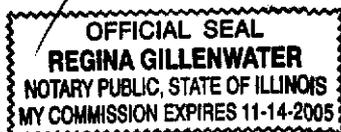
I have personal knowledge of the facts in the attached testimony. If I were called as a witness before the Hearing Examiner in this matter and I were asked the questions contained in that testimony, I would give the answers set out in my testimony.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that she believes the same to be true.

Leslie Barnes

Signed and sworn before me
31st day of July, 2003.

Regina Gillenwater
Notary Public



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ON BEHALF OF SOUTH AUSTIN COALITION COMMUNITY
COUNCIL DOCKET NO. 02-0706

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A1. My name is Leslie Barnes and I live at 705 N. Central Ave., Apt. 1N Chicago, Illinois. 60644.

Q2. Are you a customer of Commonwealth Edison?

A2. The Commonwealth Edison account is in my husband's name - Johnnie Barnes.

Q3. Please describe the problem your family had with Commonwealth Edison.

A3. Our Commonwealth Edison service was threatened with disconnection. I was unable to resolve the problem over the telephone. Our family got on a deferred payment plan with Com Ed in, approximately, April 2003. We also applied for a LIHEAP energy assistance grant at the CEDA main office in April 2003. We were notified by CEDA in a letter dated May 8, 2003 that we were approved for a \$185 grant toward our electricity bill. For some reason, we did not receive an electric bill in May. We made no payment on my deferred payment arrangements, thinking that the LIHEAP grant would cover the payment for that month.

On June 8th, we received a shutoff notice from Com Ed that our service would be disconnected June 19th. I called Com Ed and talked to a customer service representative who advised me that the full amount of \$186.87 would have to be paid or our service would be shut off and that I wasn't eligible to be reinstated on the deferred payment plan. I said that we had been approved for a \$185 LIHEAP grant in May, and that I was advised of this in a letter. But, the representative said that Com Ed had not received the grant. I then called CEDA to find out the status of the LIHEAP grant but was advised by the CEDA representative that the \$185 grant would probably not be credited to my bill until July or August.

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