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SOUTH SIDE RESIDENTS REBEL!

Petition and anti-RMU bumper stickers kick off campaign.

NSN has received a copy of a petition from the newly annexed Southside residents to the Missouri Public Service Commission. The petition protests Rolla Municipal Utilities attempted take-over of the utility service in the southside area. The area currently is getting electrical service from Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association. After the area was annexed in April, RMU applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission under a 1991 law that allows them to take over service if the MPSC rules in their favor. If the MPSC rules in favor of RMU they will set the price for the buy-out.

In their October press release to the Rolla Daily News the Rolla Municipal Utilities claimed that they were making the take-over request "after numerous requests from residents in the area for RMU to provide electric service, and after a year of unsuccessful negotiations with Intercounty on the terms of a possible territorial agreement between the two electric suppliers." The southside petition also requests that the Public Service Commission hold a public hearing in Rolla on this issue. Approximately 261 individuals signed the protest petition and requested a public hearing be held in Rolla. The petition says:

"I am a member, owner and customer of Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association in the Rolla, Missouri area and I am at least 18 years old. I reside, or own property within the 1350 acres recently annexed by the City of Rolla. It is my understanding that the City of Rolla has petitioned the Public Service Commission to acquire the electric service from Intercounty within the annexed area. I AM OPPOSED TO ANY SUCH CHANGE, and I request that the Public Service Commission hold a local public hearing in Rolla prior to ruling on any such agreement."

Copies of the petition were widely distributed to the "licensed recognized media" and the Rolla City Council. However, neither the Mayor nor any member of the Council discussed the petition at the Monday night council meeting. NSN sources in the Southside area provided NSN with bumper stickers, which are part of their protest campaign. One of the stickers has a picture of a large screw and the letters "RMU." The other bumper sticker has a stop sign with the letters "RMU."

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