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Taum Sauk Coalition

1 WHEREAS, the Taum Sauk region, extending from Taum Sauk to Johnson’s Shut-ins state parks
 2 and including Church Mountain and Taum Sauk Creek, is a resource of extraordinary importance;
 3 as the core of the St. Francois Mountains it is a treasure of statewide and national stature;
 4 AND WHEREAS, Taum Sauk includes superlative natural history and biodiversity resources,
 5 important cultural value as key landscape in the history of Missouri, and strong economic value
 6 as part ;of the unspoiled scenery that has drawn visitors to this region of Missouri for decades for a
 7 wide variety of wholesome outdoor recreation including walking and hiking;
 8 AND WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has recognized these values for many years, and especially
 9 since the 1990’s, by major commitments to the region, in part through enormous investments of funds
 10 toward acquisition of state park lands and also through the special designation of unusual and choice
 11 resources such as State Natural Areas, Outstanding State Resource Waters, and a segment of the Ozark
 12 Trail;
 13 AND WHEREAS, AmerenUE owns a portion of Proffit Mountain, site of its upper Taum Sauk
 14 Reservoir, and also land in Taum Sauk Creek Valley and some 1300 acres on the adjacent Church
 15 Mountain (located in the heart of the Taum Sauk region and integral to its scenic view sheds,
 16 ecosystems, and recreational terrain) on which the state of Missouri owns a property interest in the
 17 form of a 25 year lease for trail development;
 18 AND WHEREAS, in light of the destruction of superlative resources on Proffit Mountain and in
 19 Johnson’s Shut-ins State Park by the failure of the Taum Sauk Reservoir on December 14, 2005,
 20 we believe it is now imperative that all of Church Mountain and the adjoining lands along Taum
 21 Sauk Creek be permanently protected for the benefit of the citizens of Missouri;

22 AND WHEREAS, the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) was a member of Taum Sauk
23 Coalition in 2001 which successfully united in opposition to a proposal by Ameren to build a new
24 reservoir on the adjacent Church Mountain near the site of the failed Proffit Mountain Reservoir;

25 AND WHEREAS, many conservation groups seek respectful dialogue with all parties, including
26 Ameren, to achieve a solution that serves the best long-term interests of the people of Missouri and
27 protects the natural resources of the region.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
29 the Lodge of Four Seasons, this 26th day of February, 2006, join the Taum Sauk Coalition to help insure
30 for a long term conservation resolution.