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**Great Rivers Environmental Law Center Prevails in Missouri Court of Appeals,
Eastern District, on Crystal City Case
*Case Against Smelter Moves Forward***

On Tuesday, October 26, 2010, the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District held that a case against a smelter may move forward. The Court ruled that the trial court abused its discretion in dismissing the Concerned Citizens' case as a sanction for not responding fully to overly broad discovery requests.

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center filed a petition on behalf of the Concerned Citizens in November, 2007, alleging that the City of Crystal City violated the Sunshine, or Open Records law, as well as other statutes. The Concerned Citizens seek to void a contract and lease made by city officials allowing the development of a pig-iron ore smelter in Crystal City.

Kathleen Henry, President of Great Rivers Environmental Law Center, stated, "I am pleased with the Court's ruling. The request for the identities of posters of over 4,000 anonymous messages was overly broad."

Theresa Adams, Vice-President of the Concerned Citizens for Crystal City, stated, "This case has always been about the Sunshine Law and the rights of people to know what might happen in their own backyards."

The case will now go back to the trial court for further proceedings on the 16-count amended petition.

Great Rivers is a nonprofit public interest environmental law firm in St. Louis that provides free and reduced legal services to those seeking to protect the environment and public health. Its web address is: www.greatriverslaw.org.

Concerned Citizens for Crystal City is a nonprofit organization formed to stop the smelter on the old PPG site and to demand a full feasibility study to be done to determine the best use of the public land.