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**Missouri Public  
Service Commission**

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Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Attention: Data Center  
P. O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues  
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

Dear Secretary:

House Springs Sewer Company (the Company) holds certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services in Jefferson County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated sewer utility service in March of 1986. The Company currently provides service to approximately 1200 sewer customers within its certificated service area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for sewer service were last changed in February, 2000.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$125,000.00 in its annual sewer system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately 25% in the Company's annual sewer system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase request, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increase in the Company's annual operating revenues include: increase in utility plant investment; increases in operation and maintenance expenses; increases in the Commission's annual

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Utility assessments; increases in the Department of Natural Resources requirements on de-chlorination, testing, fences and limits; the age of our plants and replacing blowers, motors and other updates and the cost by the City of Byrnes Mill to treat waste. The effective date of the rate increase by the City of Byrnes Mill is July 1, 2012.

Furthermore, the Company requests a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2), requiring notice to be filed with the secretary of the Commission a minimum of sixty days prior to filing a small company rate case, because the Company needs to have new rates take effect as soon as possible and the Company cannot wait an additional sixty days to file.

Lastly, I wish to advise you that the Company is not current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments. We are making payments on a monthly plan, whenever I have the money available. The Company is current on the filing of its Commission annual reports. I will continue to make payments on the Commission annual assessments.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patricia A. Fribis

Patricia A. Fribis  
President

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