

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Ozark Meadows, )  
Aqua Development Company, d/b/a Aqua Missouri, )  
Inc. Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System ) **Case No. SR-2010-0023**  
Operating Revenues MPSC Sewer Utility Small )  
Company Rate Increase Procedures. )

In the Matter of Aqua RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri )  
Request for Increase in Annual Water System ) **Case No. WR-2010-0025**  
Operating Revenues MPSC Water Utility Small )  
Company Rate Increase. )

In the Matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc. (CU) Request )  
for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating ) **Case No. SR-2010-0026**  
Revenues MPSC Sewer Utility Small Company Rate )  
Increase. )

In the Matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc (CU) Request )  
Request for Increase in Annual Water System ) **Case No. WR-2010-0027**  
Operating Revenues MPSC Water Utility Small )  
Company Rate Increase Procedures. )

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

**COME NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and Aqua Missouri<sup>1</sup> (“the Company”) (collectively referred to hereinafter as “the Parties”) and submit the following Joint Status Report to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“the Commission”):

1. On December 16, 2009, Staff filed in each of the above-caption matters a pleading informing the Commission that pursuant to negotiations Staff and the Company were able to reach a series of agreements (collectively referred to as “the Company/Staff Disposition Agreements”) regarding resolution of the above-captioned revenue increase requests.

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<sup>1</sup> “Aqua Missouri,” as used in this pleading, shall collectively refer to Aqua RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua Missouri, Inc., and Aqua Development Company d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc.

2. On February 2, 2010, the Commission issued its Order Setting Deadline for Filing Issues Lists, Witness Lists and Position Statements (Order), ordering the Parties to file by February 24, 2010 certain documents related to the evidentiary hearings scheduled in the above-captioned matters, or in the alternative, a joint status report.

3. On February 24, 2010, OPC filed The Office of the Public Counsel's Statement of Position, stating that while OPC will not agree to the proposed rate increases agreed to in the Company/Staff Disposition Agreements, it will not actively oppose their implementation.

4. It appears that at this time evidentiary hearings will not be necessary in these matters. Additionally, absent material information obtained by Staff in its investigation of evidence provided at the local public hearings, the Parties have no further filings to submit to the Commission pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Small Utility Rate Case Procedure.

5. All Parties have reviewed this pleading and consent to Staff's submission thereof.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties submit this Joint Status Report for the Commission's consideration and request that the Commission issue an order either affirming the Company/Staff Disposition Agreements filed in the above-captioned matters, or in the alternative, staying the procedural schedule, canceling the evidentiary hearings scheduled for March 1-12, 2010, and establishing such additional procedures as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 24th day of February, 2010.

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