

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

In the Matter of Lincoln County Sewer & )  
Water, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience )  
and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, ) File No. WA-2012-0018  
Operate, Maintain, Control and Manage )  
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**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S RESPONSE TO  
STAFF’S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Staff’s Request for Additional Notice states as follows:

1. On August 5, 2011, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) requested that Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC (LCSW) be required to serve notice of the local public hearing to the customers of Rockport and Bennington subdivisions, in addition to the notice directed in the August 4, 2011, Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Order Setting Local Public Hearing and Directing Notice. Staff stated that such notice will provide the customers the opportunity to raise any concerns or comments to Staff, Public Counsel, LCSW and the Commission.

2. On August 5, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Establishing an Expedited Response Deadline stating that any party wishing to respond to Staff's request for additional notice shall file its response no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on August 8, 2011.

3. According to Staff's Request for Local Public Hearing filed on July 29, 2011, a basis for Staff's request was that Staff has received emails and phone calls from concerned customers due to a letter that was sent to customers in the proposed certificated area which contained information that has raised concerns with the customers who are receiving service. Public Counsel has also received similar emails and phone calls from customers.

4. Since the reason for the local public hearing is to specifically address concerns of the customers, it is important that the customers be notified of the opportunity to ask questions of Staff, Public Counsel or LCSW, and to provide comments and raise any concerns to the Commission.

5. Therefore, Public Counsel supports Staff's request that notice of the local public hearing be provided to the customers.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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