BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

KIM SULLENS,)	
	Complainant,)	
vs.)	Case No. SC-2009-0342
AQUA MISSOURI, INC.,)	
	Respondent.)	

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE ANSWER OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW Respondent, Aqua Missouri, Inc., and moves the Commission to accept its Answer in this cause filed five days out of time. In support of its Motion, Aqua Missouri, Inc. states as follows:

- 1. Respondent has a meritorious defense on the substantive issues in this case, set forth in its Answer and incorporated by reference.
- 2. The delay in filing the Answer was not intentionally or recklessly designed to impede the Commission's process, but the result of unforeseen communication and notice problems. See, Rule 74.05(d).
- 3. Accepting Respondent's late-filed Answer will not prejudice any party by causing undue delay.

WHEREFORE, Respondent asks the Commission to accept its Answer five days out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Motion for Leave to File Answer Out of Time was sent U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 28th day of April, 2009, to:

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