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RE: Case No. WM-99-238

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **MOTION FOR EXTENSION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Capital Utilities, Inc., Riverside Utility)
Company, Inc. and Foxfire Utility Company,)
Inc. for Authority to Sell and Transfer their)
Stock and to Transfer Control of Said)
Companies to Operating Subsidiaries of)
AquaSource, Inc.)

Case No. WM-99-238

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service commission (Staff), and for its Motion for Extension respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 25, 1998, Capital Utilities, Inc., Riverside Utility Company, Inc., Foxfire Utility Company, Inc. and AquaSource, Inc., through its wholly owned subsidiary AquaSource Utility, Inc., filed a joint application to sell and transfer stock and control. Further, the joint applicants requested expedited treatment.

2. On December 9, 1998 the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) filed its Order and Notice in which the Commission requested a staff recommendation by December 21, 1998.

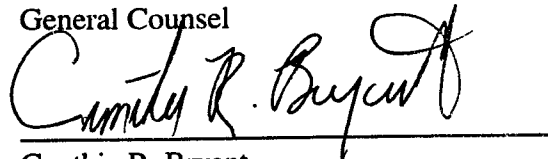
3. Staff respectfully requests that the date by which a Staff Recommendation is due be extended to January 31, 1999. Based upon its preliminary review, Staff has identified a need for additional financial and accounting information not included in the application. Staff has notified the Applicants with regard to the additional financial and accounting information needed. Although Staff recognizes that the Applicants requested expedited treatment in this case, Staff must still conduct a thorough review of the application prior to issuing a staff recommendation. If Staff receives the information requested on a timely basis, Staff will be able to issue a staff

recommendation by January 31, 1999. Staff does not believe that this request is unreasonable in that a staff recommendation will be issued approximately two months, including holiday leave, after the initial application was filed with this Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the date by which a staff recommendation is due in the above-captioned case be extended to January 31, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Counsel

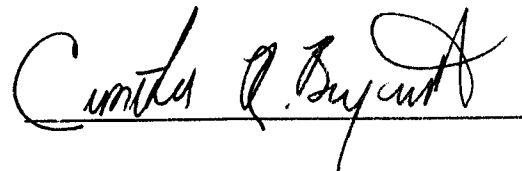


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 18th day of December, 1998.



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