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RE: Case No. SM-2000-608

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO DELAY FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

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 Application of Ozark)
Water and Wastewater Management Co.,)
Inc. to Sell and Transfer its Franchise,)
Treatment Plant and Substantially All its)
Assets to Northern Christian County)
Regional Wastewater Facility, Inc. (a)
Non-Profit Sewer Corporation under)
393.825, RSMo))

Case No. SM-2000-608

MOTION TO DELAY FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) by and through one of its attorneys, and in behalf of all parties attending the pre-hearing conference in this case, respectfully asks that the Commission enter an Order Delaying the Filing of Procedural Schedule in this case. In support of this request, the Staff states the following:

1. On July 25, 2000, all parties, with the exception of the Northern Christian County Wastewater Facility, Inc., were present and participated in a pre-hearing conference that had been previously scheduled by the Commission.
2. During the pre-hearing conference, possible avenues of settlement were pursued by the parties in attendance, and it was unanimously agreed that more time was necessary to pursue those settlement opportunities, and exchange further information.
3. Staff agreed to file a Motion to Delay the Filing of a Procedural Schedule in behalf of all parties present at the pre-hearing. These parties were the Office of Public Counsel, Staff, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Ozark Water and Wastewater Management Company. (Northern Christian County Regional Wastewater Facility, Inc. did not

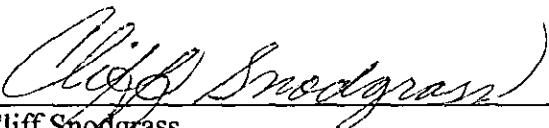
appear through their attorney, but it had an unofficial representative present who participated in the informal negotiations.)

4. It was agreed among all the parties listed just above, that October 2nd, 2000, would be an appropriate ending time frame to facilitate an information exchange, conduct further negotiations, and inform the public of the proposed transaction.

THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, the parties previously identified, respectfully request that the Commission enter an Order Delaying the Filing of a Procedural Schedule in this case until October 2nd, 2000, at which time the parties should be directed to either file a Procedural Schedule, or advise the Commission when a Stipulation and Agreement will be filed in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

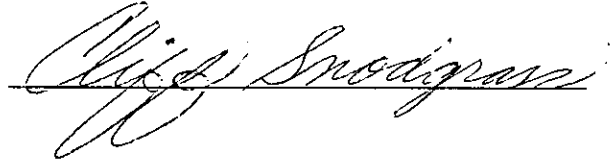
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Certificate of Service

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 1st day of August, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cliff Snodgrass", is written over a horizontal line.

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