

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

<b>In the Matter of the Request of</b>	)	
<b>Middlefork Water Company for an</b>	)	<b>Case No. WE-2007-0414</b>
<b>Extension of Time for Filing the Annual</b>	)	
<b>Report Due April 15, 2007</b>	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through its attorney, and, for its Staff Recommendation, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission as follows.

1. On April 23, 2007, Middlefork Water Company (“Company”) filed a request for an extension, until May 15, 2007, of the time by which it must file its Annual Report.
2. Because the request for an extension was late-filed, the Company also requested that it be allowed to file the extension request out of time, and on April 25 the Company amended the request to file the extension out of time.
3. On April 25, 2007, the Commission granted the Company leave to file the extension request out of time.
4. Also on April 25, 2007, the Commission ordered the Staff to file its recommendation concerning the request for extension by no later than May 1, 2007.
5. In support of its request, the Company stated that its Certified Public Accountant is responsible for preparing the annual report and, because of the press of business resulting from the April 15, 2007 deadline for filing individual federal and state income tax

returns, the accounting firm was unable to finish the annual report by April 15, 2007, but would be able to complete the report by May 15, 2007.

6. In its original supplemental filing requesting leave to file the extension out of time, the Company stated that it was not the primary focus of any cases presently pending before the Commission. In the amended supplemental filing, the Company corrected this statement to say that the Company is the primary focus of Case Number WO-2007-0266. However, in the amended supplemental filing, the Company failed to state that all parties of record to Case No. WO-2007-0266 had been notified that the Company had filed an extension of time to file its annual report. The Staff notes, however, that the only parties to Case No. WO-2007-0266 are the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel. Since the Staff and Office of the Public Counsel have both received actual notice of the request that is the subject of the instant case, the Staff believes the notice requirement regarding this case has effectively been met.

7. Based upon its review of the Company's request, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 (4) and 4 CSR 240-3.335, the Staff has concluded that Middlefork Water Company has demonstrated good cause for the granting of an extension of the time to file its Annual Report.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully reports that it has no objection to an order granting Middlefork Water Company an extension of time to file its annual report, until May 15, 2007, and asks that the Commission direct Middlefork Water Company to attach the Commission's order in this case to its filing, whenever it takes place.

Respectfully submitted,

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**/s/ Keith R. Krueger**