

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

In the Matter of Bilyeu Ridge Water Co., LLC, ) Request for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. WR-2015-0192</b></u>
In the Matter of Midland Water Company, Inc., ) for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. WR-2015-0193</b></u>
In the Matter of Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC, ) for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. WR-2015-0194</b></u>
In the Matter of Riverfork Water Company ) for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. WR-2015-0195</b></u>
In the Matter of Taney County Water, LLC, ) for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. WR-2015-0196</b></u>
In the Matter of Valley Woods Utility, LLC, ) for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. WR-2015-0197</b></u>
In the Matter of Valley Woods Utility, LLC, ) for a Rate Increase. )	<u><b>Case No. SR-2015-0198</b></u>

**MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Motion to Consolidate*, states as follows:

1. This matter concerns seven small company rate request cases filed by six separate entities, each of which is a public utility that provides regulated water service and, in one case, regulated sewer service to the public.

2. Each of these entities is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ozark International, Inc., a Missouri general business corporation in good standing headquartered at 786 Croley Blvd., Nixa, MO 65714. Its registered agent is Scott Roberts, 1531 E. Bradford Parkway, Ste. 205, Springfield, MO 65804. According to its most recently filed registration report, Ozark's president is Hollis H. Brower, Jr., and Hollis H. Brower, Jr., is

the only member of its board of directors. On information and belief, Hollis H. Brower, Jr., is the majority shareholder of Ozark International, Inc.

3. Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC, filed its rate increase letter on February 9, 2015, seeking an increase of \$5,000 in annual water service revenues; Case No. WR-2015-0192. The rate increase letter was signed by Hollis H, Brower, President, and states that Bilyeu holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Christian County, Missouri. Bilyeu's rate increase letter goes on to say that the Commission authorized Bilyeu to provide water service in April 2013 and that it has 55 water service customers. Bilyeu is a Missouri limited liability company and its registered agent is David L. Wieland, 1548 E. Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804. Its Articles of Organization state that Bilyeu was organized on December 6, 2012, by Hollis H. Brower, Jr.

4. Midland Water Company, Inc. filed its rate increase letter on February 9, 2015, seeking an increase of \$9,000 in annual water service revenues; Case No. WR-2015-0193. The rate increase letter was signed by Hollis H, Brower, President, and states that Midland holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Christian County, Missouri. Midland's rate increase letter goes on to say that the Commission authorized Midland to provide water service in November 2008 and that it has 94 water service customers. Midland is a Missouri general business corporation in good standing, headquartered at 786 Croley Blvd., Nixa, MO 65714. Midland's registered agent is Hollis H, Brower, Jr., 786 Croley Blvd.,

Nixa, MO 65714. According to its most recently filed registration report, Midland's president is Hollis H. Brower, Jr., and Hollis H. Brower, Jr., is the only member of its board of directors.

5. Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC, filed its rate increase letter on February 9, 2015, seeking an increase of \$22,000 in annual water service revenues; Case No. WR-2015-0194. The rate increase letter was signed by Hollis H. Brower, President, and states that Moore Bend holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Taney County, Missouri. Moore Bend's rate increase letter goes on to say that the Commission authorized Moore Bend to provide water service in September 2013 and that it has 90 water service customers. Moore Bend is a Missouri limited liability company and its registered agent is David L. Wieland, 1548 E. Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804. Its Articles of Organization state that Moore Bend was organized on March 30, 2012, by Hollis H. Brower, Jr.

6. Riverfork Water Company, Inc. filed its rate increase letter on February 9, 2015, seeking an increase of \$5,400 in annual water service revenues; Case No. WR-2015-0195. The rate increase letter was signed by Hollis H. Brower, President, and states that Moore Bend holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Stone County, Missouri. Riverfork's rate increase letter goes on to say that the Commission authorized Riverfork to provide water service in November 2008 and that it has 135 water service customers. Riverfork is a Missouri general business corporation in good standing, headquartered at 786 Croley Blvd.,

Nixa, MO 65714. Riverfork's registered agent is Hollis H, Brower, Jr., 786 Croley Blvd., Nixa, MO 65714. According to its most recently filed registration report, Riverfork's president is Hollis H. Brower, Jr., and Hollis H. Brower, Jr., is the only member of its board of directors.

7. Taney County Water, LLC, filed its rate increase letter on February 9, 2015, seeking an increase of \$60,000 in annual water service revenues; Case No. WR-2015-0196. The rate increase letter was signed by Hollis H, Brower, President, and states that Taney County Water holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Taney County, Missouri. Taney County Water's rate increase letter goes on to say that the Commission authorized Taney County Water to provide water service in January 2010 and that it has 500 water service customers. Taney County Water is a Missouri limited liability company and its registered agent is David L. Wieland, 1548 E. Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804. Its Articles of Organization state that Taney County Water was organized on November 16, 2009, by Hollis H. Brower, Jr.

8. Valley Woods Utility, LLC, filed its rate increase letter on February 9, 2015, seeking an increase of \$6,600 in annual water service revenues, Case No. WR-2015-0197; and an increase of \$3,900 in annual sewer service revenues, Case No. SR-2015-0198. The rate increase letter was signed by Hollis H, Brower, President, and states that Valley Woods holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services and water supply and distribution

services in Christian County, Missouri. Valley Woods' rate increase letter goes on to say that the Commission authorized Valley Woods to provide water and sewer service in August 2012 and that it has 45 water service customers and 28 sewer service customers. Valley Woods is a Missouri limited liability company and its registered agent is David L. Wieland, 1548 E. Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804. Its Articles of Organization state that Valley Woods was organized on February 28, 2012, by Hollis H. Brower, Jr.

9. Each of these small utilities is owned by Ozark International, Inc., and Hollis H. Brower, Jr., controls, manages and operates each of them, as well as Ozark International. All of these utilities, as well as Ozark International, Inc., operate out of offices located at 786 Croley Blvd., Nixa, MO 65714. The records of each of these utilities are located at 786 Croley Blvd., Nixa, MO 65714, and a single, consolidated audit will save time and money and reduce the inconvenience and disruption to the regulated entities. Likewise, Staff seeks to consolidate these cases into a single case that will provide a more realistic and informative picture to the Commission of Mr. Brower's utility operations than would seven separate proceedings.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission will consolidate these seven cases into one case, denominated "In the Matter of the Rate Increase Requests of the Regulated Water and Sewer Utilities Owned and Operated by Ozark International, Inc."; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Kevin A. Thompson**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served electronically, by hand delivery, or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the parties herein or to their attorneys of record, all according to the Service List maintained for these cases by the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**/s/ Kevin A. Thompson**