# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Rate Increase ) File No. WR-2012-0267 for Oakbrier Water Company, Inc. )

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFFS

**COMES NOW** the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), by and through counsel, and hereby recommends that the Commission approve tariff PSC MO No. 2 submitted in the above referenced case and bearing Tariff Tracking No. YW-2013-0257. In support of this recommendation, Staff respectfully states:

1. On January 31, 2012,<sup>1</sup> Oakbrier Water Company, Inc. ("Company") initiated a small company rate increase actions pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050.

2. On December 6, the Company filed tariff PSC MO No. 2 in Tracking No. YW-2013-0257 in compliance with the terms of the *Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request ("Unanimous Agreement"*). Staff, with approval of the Company and the Office of Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), has requested that the Commission approve the tariff on less than thirty days notice. All parties have agreed to the early effective date of December 14.

The Commission has the authority to approve the proposed tariff PSC MO
No. 2 pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo (2000).

4. James M. Russo, Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor in the Water & Sewer Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission, participated in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All dates are in 2012, unless otherwise noted.

review of tariff PSC MO No. 2 filed in Tracking No. YW-2013-0257, and states that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the tariff as set forth in Paragraph 2 is true and correct and complies with the terms of the *Unanimous Agreement* filed in this case. The *Affidavit of James M. Russo* is attached here as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the *Unanimous Agreement* filed in Case No. WR-2012-0267 and tariff PSC MO No. 2 pending in Tariff Tracking No. YW-2013-0257 to become effective December 14, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

## STAFF OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# /s/ John D. Borgmeyer

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

# /s/ John D. Borgmeyer

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

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. RUSSO**

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In the Matter of the Rate Increase for Oakbrier Water Company, Inc.

Case No. WR-2012-0267

## STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) SS COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW** James M. Russo, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is the Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor in the Water & Sewer Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the review of tariff PSC MO No. 2, Tariff Tracking No. YW-2013-0257; and (3) that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the tarigg as set forth in paragraph 2 is true and correct and complies with the terms of *the Unanimous Agreement* filed in this case.

James M. Russo Rate & Tariff Examination Supervisor Water and Sewer Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December, 2012.

undermey Notary Public

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Callaway County My Commission Expires: October 03, 2014 Commission Number: 10942086