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RE: WA-97-110

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **JOINT MOTION OF ALL PARTIES TO CANCEL RATE REVIEW AND CLOSE CASE.**

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
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In the matter of the application of Osage)
Water Co. for permission, approval and a)
certificate of convenience and necessity)
authorizing it to construct, install, own,)
operate, control, manage and maintain a)
water and sewer system for the public)
located in an unincorporated portion of)
Camden County, Missouri.)

Case No. WA-97-110

JOINT MOTION OF ALL PARTIES
TO CANCEL RATE REVIEW AND CLOSE CASE

COME NOW Osage Water Company (OWC), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (the OPC) (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the parties"), by and through counsel, and for their "Joint Motion to Cancel Rate Review and Close Case" respectfully state as follows:

1. By its Order effective March 17, 1998, the Commission granted OWC a certificate of public convenience and necessity (the Certificate) to provide sewer service in an unincorporated portion of Camden County known as the Chelsea Rose Subdivision. In that same Order, the Commission also granted OWC a certificate to provide water and sewer service in an unincorporated portion of Camden County known as "Cimmarron Bay." OWC had previously been certificated by the Commission to provide water service to the Chelsea Rose Subdivision.

2. As a part of its Order granting the Certificate, the Commission established an 18-month review period for the appropriateness of the sewer rates that were approved for use by OWC. Though it was not specifically ordered to do so by the Commission, the Staff planned to

file a recommendation regarding the appropriateness of the sewer rates at the conclusion of the 18-month period. OWC's sewer tariff was approved in an Order that was entered on April 6, 1998, and the sewer rates became effective April 12, 1998. The end of that 18-month rate review period was therefore approximately October 12, 1999.

3. As a part of the Stipulation and Agreement entered into by the parties and approved by the Commission in a prior OWC certificate case, Case No. WA-94-132, OWC was required to "file a rate case" on or about October 11, 1999.

4. On October 12, 1999, OWC submitted a request for revenue increases in both its water and sewer operations to the Secretary of the Commission, under the provisions of the Commission's Small Company Rate Increase Procedure. The parties agree that, by submitting this request, OWC has fulfilled its obligation to "file a rate case", as set out in the preceding paragraph.

5. The parties agree that OWC's pending small company rate increase request will result in a full and complete audit of OWC's books and records pertaining to the overall operation of its water and sewer systems in all of its currently certificated service areas.

6. As a result of the above-referenced small company rate increase request, the parties agree that a partial audit of OWC's operations (i.e., one related only to the operation of the Chelsea Rose system and/or the Cimmarron Bay system) is not necessary. The parties further agree that such a partial audit would not result in the best use of the parties' or the Commission's resources.

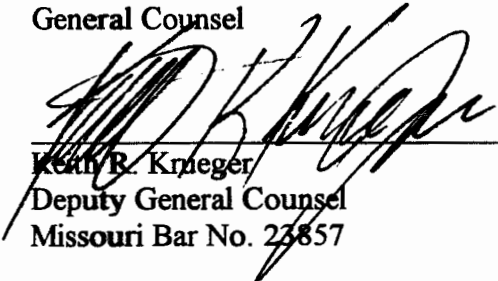
7. The parties agree that if the Commission cancels its previously ordered 18-month rate review, as the parties request, there is no longer any need for this docket to remain open.

8. OWC, the Staff and the OPC are the only parties to the instant case and were the only parties to Case No. WA-94-132.

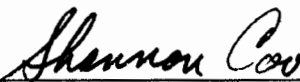
WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order canceling the previously ordered 18-month rate review and closing this docket, and for such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper in this instance.

Respectfully submitted,

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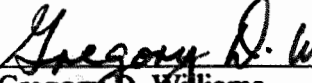
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Certificate of Service

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 22nd day of December, 1999.



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