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March 12, 2001

Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Public Service Commission
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Re: RDE Water Company
Case No. WR-2001-457

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and eight copies of **RESPONSE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL TO RDE'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES**. Please "file" stamp the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

M. Ruth O'Neill
Assistant Public Counsel

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cc: Counsel of Record

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

In the Matter of the Request of RDE Water)
Company for a General Rate Increase Pursuant)
To the Small Company Rate Increase Procedure,)
4 CSR-240-2.200)

Case No. WR-2001-457

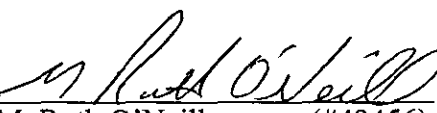
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**RESPONSE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL TO RDE'S
REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES**

COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel, and, having reviewed the proposed agreement between RDE Water Company and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, hereby states that the Public Counsel agrees to the terms of the proposed agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to the following this 11th day of March 2001:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Ruth Will", is written over a horizontal line.