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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
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**RE: Spokane Highlands Water Company
Case No. WA-96-246**

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and fourteen copies of **Public Counsel Position**. Please "file" stamp the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this day mailed and/or hand-delivered copies to all parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John B. Coffman
Senior Public Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: Counsel of Record

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

In the matter of the application of Spokane Highlands)
Water Company for a certificate of convenience and)
necessity authorizing it to construct, install, operate,)
and maintain a water system and to supply and render)
water service to the public located in and around an)
unincorporated area near Spokane, Christian County,)
Missouri.)

Case No. WA-96-246

PUBLIC COUNSEL POSITION

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), and in response to the Public Service Commission's (Commission's) Notice of August 2, 1996, states that it has no objection to the Recommendation of the Staff of the Commission as filed in this case on or about August 2, 1996.

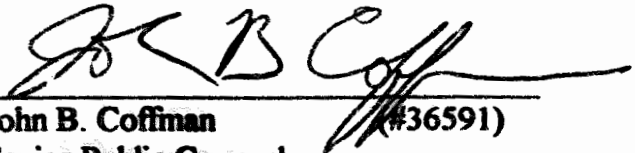
Respectfully submitted,

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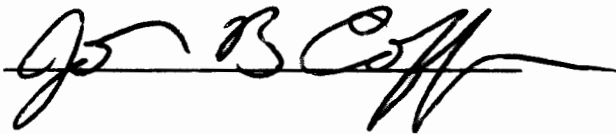
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to the following this 12th day of August, 1996:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Coff", written over a horizontal line.