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

in the Matter of the Revenue Effects Upon	)	
Small Water and Sewer Utilities of the	)	File No. AW-2018-0237
Γax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017	)	

## INDIAN HILLS RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

**COMES NOW** Indian Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Indian Hills" or "Company"), and. as its Response to Order Directing Response, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On March 7, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Opening a Working Proceeding Regarding the Effects Upon Missouri Small Water and Sewer Utilities of the Tax Cuts of 2017 and Directing a Response* ("Order Directing Response"). Among other things, the Order Directing Response directed small utilities to respond to four questions by March 22, 2018. The Company responds to those questions as follows:
- Question 01: For purposes of payment of income taxes, the Company is a C Corporation.
- **Question 02**: Effective March 17, 2018, the Company was authorized to begin collecting income tax expense in customer rates (\$48,773 annually).
- **Question 03**: The Company has not yet performed, or caused to be performed, an analysis of the possible impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on our cost of service and customer rates.
- **Question 04**: Generally speaking, any decisions regarding a potential change in customer rates would likely be made only after the impact (if any) was known, or once it could be calculated with an appropriate measure of confidence.

**WHEREFORE**, Indian Hills respectfully requests that the Commission consider this response to comply with the Order Directing Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to the following on this  $22^{nd}$  day of March, 2018:

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