

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

In the Matter of Lake Region Water & Sewer	)	<u>File No. SR-2010-0110</u>
Company's Application to Implement a General	)	Tariff No. YS-2010-0250
Rate Increase in Water & Sewer Service	)	

In the Matter of Lake Region Water & Sewer	)	<u>File No. WR-2010-0111</u>
Company's Application to Implement a General	)	Tariff No. YW-2010-0251
Rate Increase in Water & Sewer Service	)	

**STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SUSPENDING TARIFF,  
SETTING HEARINGS, AND DIRECTING FILINGS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and in response to the Commission's *Suspension Order and Notice* submits its request to file its position regarding the test year and true-up period concurrently with its November 16, 2009 proposed procedural schedule.

1. On October 7, 2009, Lake Region Water & Sewer Company (Lake Region or Company) filed a tariffs designed to implement a general rate increase for water and sewer services provided in its Missouri service area.
2. On October 8, 2009, the Commission issued its *Suspension Order and Notice*, suspending Lake Region's proposed tariffs until September 6, 2010.
3. The Commissions October 8, 2009 *Suspension Order and Notice* ordered Staff to file a pleading stating Staff's recommendation regarding the true-up audit and hearing and indicating either Staff's concurrence in Lake Region's recommended test year or recommending an alternative by November 6, 2009.
4. Additionally, the Commission ordered an early prehearing conference to be held on November 9, 2009.

5. Staff would like to discuss the test-year and true-up periods with parties at the prehearing conference before filing its recommendation.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission allow it to file its position regarding the test year and true up period to be established by the Commission in this matter on November 16, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

/s/ Jaime N. Ott