

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC,)	
d/b/a Liberty Water for Authority for)	File No. WO-2011-0328
Liberty Water to Acquire Certain Assets of)	
Noel Water Co., Inc. and, in Connection)	
Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions.)	

**RESPONSE TO STAFF'S REQUEST
FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

COME NOW Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC d/b/a Liberty Water (Liberty Water) and Noel Water Co., Inc. (Noel) and, in response to Staff's Request for Local Public Hearing, state the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. The Joint Application initiating this matter was filed with the Commission on April 6, 2011. On April 29, 2011, Noel mailed individual notices of this matter to each of its customers (*See* File No. WO-2011-0328, Item 3). There have been no applications to intervene filed in this matter. The only public comment recorded in EFIS is a letter to the Commission from the mayor of Noel.

2. On May 27, 2011, after a meeting in Noel, Missouri attended by the mayor of Noel, Staff members and a representative of Liberty Water, the Staff filed its Request for Local Public Hearing, therein asking that the Commission "schedule a local public hearing so that the citizens of Noel, Missouri would have an opportunity to hear about this potential transfer of assets from the Parties and Staff and voice any additional concerns they may have." The Staff suggested that this hearing take place, preferably, before June 30, 2011.

3. The Commission Staff has recently requested an extension of sixty (60) days, or until July 25, 2011, to file its recommendation.

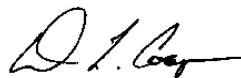
4. Liberty Water and Noel do not object to the requested local public hearing.

Further, Liberty Water welcomes the opportunity the hearing may provide to introduce itself to the Noel customers and let them know what services to expect.

5. Liberty Water and Noel's only concern is that the hearing be scheduled expeditiously. It is not in anyone's interest for this proposed transaction to be pending for a long period of time. Doing so, requires both the current owner and the prospective owner to make decisions without certainty as to when their ownership will end or begin. Accordingly, Liberty Water and Noel further support the Staff's request that a local public hearing, if any, be conducted prior to June 30, 2011.

WHEREFORE, Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC d/b/a Liberty Water and Noel Water Co., Inc. respectfully request that the Commission consider this response and issue its order granting such relief as may be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail or by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on June __, 2011, to the following:

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