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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Case No. WC-2001-195

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a RESPONSE TO MEDIATION REQUEST.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Cliff E. Snodgrass

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	Service Commission
Complainant,)	
vs.	}	Case No. WC-2001-195
Osage Water Company,)	
Respondent.)	

RESPONSE TO MEDIATION REQUEST

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through one of its attorneys, and for its Response to Mediation Request, states the following:

- 1. On October 13, 2000, the Commission entered a Notice Directing Response to Mediation Request (Notice) stating that the Respondent had filed a request for mediation in the above captioned case. This Notice indicated that the Complainant (Staff) could accept or decline this request within 15 days from the date of the Commission's Notice.
- 2. Staff has considered the Respondent's request and has decided to agree to mediation of this dispute. Staff agrees to mediation with the understanding that Staff will not be prejudiced for having taken part in mediation, and that Staff is not waiving any of its procedural or substantive rights to pursue its interests in this Complaint in the event mediation is unsuccessful.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 19th day of October, 2000.

Service List for Case No. WC-2001-195 Revised: October 19, 2000 (SW)

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