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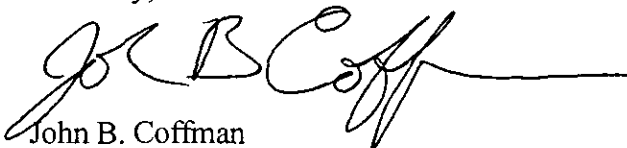
RE: Terre Du Lac Utilities
Case No. WR-2000-68 and SR-2000-69

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and fourteen copies of **Public Counsel's Recommendation**. Please "file" stamp the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


John B. Coffman
Deputy Public Counsel

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cc: Counsel of Record

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

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In the Matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities)
Corporation Water Rate Increase Request.)

Case No. WR-2000-68
File No. 9900333

In the Matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities)
Corporation Sewer Rate Increase Request.)

Case No. SR-2000-69
File No. 9900334

Public Counsel's Recommendation

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Recommendation in the above referenced cases states as follows:

1. Public Counsel entered into the three-way agreement entitled Company/Staff/OPC Supplemental Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request, (Supplemental Agreement) which was filed in these cases on February 4, 2000. Public Counsel believes that the Supplemental Agreement is a just and reasonable resolution of the matters raised in this case.

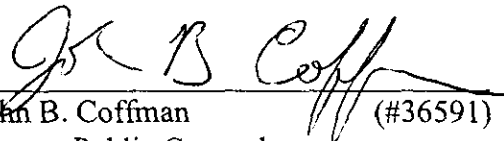
The agreements for which Company would be obligated to comply under the Supplemental Agreement address most of the concerns raised by customers in communications with Public Counsel and raised during the Commission's Local Public Hearing on ^{Nov 16}~~Nov 16~~ 1999. Essential to Public Counsel's signature on the Supplemental Agreement is the agreement in paragraphs J and K that the rates which would go into effect on March 1, 2000 are to be interim and conditioned upon the Company's compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Agreement. If for any reason, Company does not comply with any of the conditions laid out in the Supplemental Agreement, the Commission will have the opportunity to address that matter in its final order.

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WHEREFORE Public Counsel respectfully request that the Commission approve the
February 4, 2000 Supplemental Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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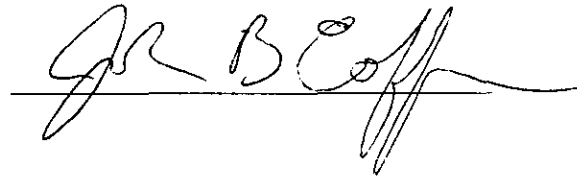
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to the following this 14th day of February, 2000:

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