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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
United Water Missouri Inc. for an)	
Accounting Authority Order Relating)	<u>Case No. WA-98-187</u>
to FAS 106.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO COMPEL RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

On July 9, 1998, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Motion to Compel. On July 10, OPC filed the attachments as referenced in its Motion to Compel. OPC submitted the following data request (DR) to United Water Missouri (UWM):

- DR No. 1009: For UWM, please provide the following amounts for the years 1994-1997 (actual) and 1998-1999 (projected):
- a) FAS 87 pension expense;
 - b) minimum ERISA pension contributions.

OPC states it is entitled to this information because it is relevant to the accounting treatment of pensions and other post-retirement benefit expenses, and because the Public Counsel has broad powers provided by the legislature permitting the OPC to audit and inspect the financial records of utilities regulated by the Commission.

DR No. 1009 is reasonably related to information concerning the accounting methods used in treatment of post-retirement pensions and other post-retirement benefits and the Accounting Authority Order requested relating to FAS 106. This DR pertains to whether costs regarding the post-retirement benefit expenses are being properly

attributed to UWM. Therefore, the Commission will grant OPC's motion to compel a response to DR No. 1009.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Compel Responses to Data Requests filed by the Office of Public Counsel on July 9, 1998, is granted.
2. That United Water Missouri shall provide responses to Data Request No. 1009 no later than July 16, 1998.
3. That this order shall become effective on July 24, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of July, 1998.

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