

RATE INCREASE REQUEST LETTER – WATER SERVICE

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Data Center
Missouri Public
Service Commission

Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
Attn: Data Center
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Requests for Increases in Annual Water System Operating Revenues
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

Dear Secretary:

Taney County Water, LLC (the Company) holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services and water supply and distribution services in Taney County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated water utility service in January of 2010. The Company currently provides service to approximately 500 water customers within its certificated area(s) under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for water service were last changed in May 2012.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$60,000 in its annual water system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, these increases represent changes of approximately 35% in the Company's annual water system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase requests, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for water service include: increases in utility plant investment; increases in operation and maintenance expenses; cost of DNR mandated improvements; and Public Service Commission's desire for additional staffing.

Furthermore, the Company requests a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2), requiring notice to be filed with the secretary of the Commission a minimum of sixty days prior to filing a small company rate case, because the Company needs to have new rates take effect as soon as possible and the Company cannot wait an additional sixty days to file.

Lastly, I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments all past and current assessments have been paid in full and the filing of its

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Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hollis H. Brower Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hollis H. Brower Jr.
President

Copies: Jim Russo – Commission Staff
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