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February 25, 2002

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

Re: **Argyle Estates Water Supply**
Case No. WR-2002-371

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Ruth O'Neill".

M. Ruth O'Neill
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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 the Request of Argyle)	
Estates Water Supply for a General Rate)	
Increase Pursuant to the Commission's)	Case No. WR-2002-371
Small Company Rate Increase Procedure at)	
Rule 4 CSR 240-2.200.)	

RECOMMENDATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel, pursuant to 4 CSR240-2.200.1(D), and hereby informs the Missouri Public Service Commission that it agrees with the proposed agreement between the Commission Staff and Argyle Estates Water Supply, regarding a rate increase. Public Counsel informs the Commission that it received four customer letters questioning the need for this rate increase, but, these letters deal either with specific issues which can best be addressed by communication between the customers and management, or general issues regarding the manner in which rates are set which can not be resolved by a public hearing. Therefore, Public Counsel believes that a local public hearing need not be held in this matter.

Because the proposed rate increase is based upon improvements to the system, and because the agreement imposes obligations upon the company which should improve its business and customer service operations, Public Counsel does not oppose the 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 25th day of February 2002:

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