

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Lincoln County Sewer &)
Water, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience) **Case No. SA-2012-0019**
and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate,)
Maintain, Control and Manage Sewer Systems)
in Lincoln County, Missouri.)

STAFF’S REQUEST FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Request for Local Public Hearing (Request)* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), respectfully stating the following:

1. On July 19, 2011, Lincoln County Sewer and Water, LLC (Lincoln County) filed with the Commission an *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate, Maintain, Control and Manage Sewer Systems in Lincoln County, Missouri (Application)*.

2. On July 19, 2011, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests* which established that applications to intervene shall be filed no later than August 2, 2011.

3. On July 27, 2011, Staff received an email with a letter attached from a customer in the Rockport Subdivision, which is part of the proposed certified area for which Lincoln County seeks a certificate of convenience and necessity. The letter was sent to customers in the proposed certificated area and contains information that has raised concerns with the customers who are receiving service.

4. Staff continues to receive emails and phone calls from concerned customers about this *Application*.

5. While not typical in these types of cases, Staff recommends and requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing so that the citizens residing within the proposed service area in Lincoln County will have an opportunity to hear about the potential for this particular company to become regulated to provide water and sewer service to their property, and possible impacts upon them should the Commission approve this *Application*.

6. Staff further requests that a local public hearing be scheduled at the earliest possible date, so that Staff is able to address any new concerns prior to filing its recommendation in this matter.

7. This *Request* is not filed for the purposes of delay.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Request for Local Public Hearing* to the Commission for its information and consideration, and respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of July, 2011.

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