## RATE INCREASE REQUEST LETTER -WATER SERVICE

July 18, 2023

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:

Gascony Water Company, Inc. (the Company) holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides water collection and treatment services in Gasconade County, Missouri. The Company currently provides service to approximately 208 customers within its certificated area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The rates for water service were last increased June 30, 2018.

Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-10.075, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$6,125 in its annual water system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, these increases represent changes of approximately 12% in the Company's annual water system operating revenues.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for water service include: replacement of the well pump, inability to pay salary, and the increase in the cost of electric, fuel, and materials.

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 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,

Michael Crosswhite

Owner, Gascony Water Company, Inc.

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