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RE: Case No. WR-2000-68

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO FILE MODIFIED AGREEMENTS AND REVISED TARIFFS.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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| In the matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation Water Rate Increase Request. |) | <u>Case No. WR-2000-68</u> Tariff File 9900333 | Ommission |
| In the matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation Sewer Rate Increase Request. |)) | <u>Case No. SR-2000-69</u> Tariff File 9900334 | |

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO FILE MODIFIED AGREEMENTS AND REVISED TARIFFS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and for its Request For Extension to File Modified Agreements and Revised Tariffs states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

- 1. By a letter dated October 23, 1998, which was received at the Commission's offices on October 26, 1998, Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation ("Company") submitted its requests for increases in its annual operating revenues for both its water and sewer utility services ("Requests"). The Company submitted these Requests under the provisions of 4 CSR 240-2.200, the Commission's Small Company Rate Increase Procedure ("the Informal Rate Case Procedure"). By its Requests, the Company was seeking increases of \$23,000 and \$47,000 in its annual water and sewer operating revenues, respectively. Upon receipt and acceptance of the Company's Requests, the Commission's Records Department assigned file numbers 9900333 (water) and 9900334 (sewer) to the Requests, and forwarded them to the Commission's Water & Sewer Department for processing under the Informal Rate Case Procedure.
- 2. By a letter dated October 26, 1998, which had previously been approved by the Water & Sewer Department Staff, the Company notified its customers of its Requests.

- 3. The Company entered into a separate Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request for both the water and sewer revenue increase requests ("Agreements"). These Agreements called for increases of \$20,236 and \$14,402 in the Company's annual water and sewer operating revenues, respectively, and also included other terms and conditions necessary to dispose of all matters related to the Company's Requests.
- 4. Concurrent with entering into the Agreements, the Staff and the Company also agreed to certain revisions to the Company's water and sewer tariffs that were necessary to implement the terms of the Agreements. Additionally, the Staff and Company agreed to certain other revisions to the Company's tariffs regarding miscellaneous service charges.
- 5. The Company submitted the above-referenced Agreements and related revised tariff sheets to the Commission by a letter dated July 21, 1999, which was received at the Commission's offices on July 26, 1999. The Company's filing transmittal letter was stamped "Filed" by the Commission's Records Department, and the subject cases (WR-2000-68 and SR-2000-69) were created, on August 3, 1999.
- 6. On August 13, 1999, the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a Request for Local Public Hearing in each of the subject cases. As a result of the OPC's Request for Local Public Hearing, the Commission issued its Order Suspending Tariffs in each of the subject cases on September 21, 1999. Those orders suspended the Company's revised tariff sheets until February 7, 2000. Additionally, on September 24, 1999, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Local Public Hearing in each of the subject cases.
- 7. On November 16, 1999, the Commission held a combined local public hearing for the subject cases in the auditorium of the North County High School in Bonne Terre, Missouri.

- 8. On November 24, 1999, the Staff filed a Notice of Intent to Conduct Further Investigation and Motion to Further Suspend Tariffs. On December 14, 1999, the Commission issued an Order adopting a Procedural Schedule that required Staff to file its report on its further investigation on January 14, 2000. The Order also required that any modified agreements and revised tariff sheets were to be filed on January 28, 2000, with the Staff's recommendation regarding the same to be filed on February 4, 2000.
- 9. On January 14, 2000 Staff filed its report with the Commission. However, Staff is still working on modifying the agreements with the Company. Staff Requests that the Commission grant an extension to file any modified agreements and revised tariffs until February 4, 2000. Staff will file its recommendations on any modified agreements and revised tariffs on February 4, 2000, as originally set out in the December 14, 1999 Order.
- 10. Staff has discussed this extension with counsel for the Company and OPC, and no party objects to this extension.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission grant Staff's request to extend the filing of any modified agreements and revised tariffs in this case until February 4, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 28th day of January, 2000.

Service List for Case No. WR-2000-68 January 28, 2000

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