

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Middle Fork Water)	
Company for an Order Initiating an Investigation)	
to Ascertain the Value of the Company's Property)	Case No. WO-2007-0266
Devoted to the Public Service)	

**REQUEST FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO
STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND EXPLANATION**

Middle Fork Water Company ("Middle Fork" or "Company") hereby requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to allow the Company an opportunity to respond, in writing, to the recommendation and the explanation of that recommendation that have been filed in this case by the Commission Staff. In support of its request, Middle Fork states as follows:

1. On November 20, 2007, the Commission Staff filed a document entitled "Staff Recommendation," which stated Staff's conclusions regarding the appropriate values of the balances on the Company's books, as of September 30, 2007, for Plant in Service, Accumulated Depreciation, and Contributions in Aid of Construction. On December 21, 2007, Staff supplemented its previous filing with a document entitled "Staff's Explanation of the Factual and Legal Bases for Its Recommendation that Plant in Service Be Classified as Contributions in Aid of Construction."

2. Both Staff's November 20th and December 21st filings conclude that approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of Middle Fork's net Plant in Service should be categorized as Contributions in Aid of Construction. The Company disagrees and asserts that none of its net Plant in Service¹ can, or should, properly be categorized as Contributions in Aid of Construction. But, to date, Middle Fork has had no opportunity to respond to Staff's recommendations, to rebut the factual and legal bases that Staff has offered in support of those recommendations, or otherwise to state the Company's

position regarding how its net Plant in Service balance properly should be categorized for regulatory purposes.

WHEREFORE, Middle Fork requests that it be given the opportunity to respond, in writing, to Staff's recommendations and to the factual and legal arguments offered in support of those recommendations, and that the Company be given until January 11, 2008, to file that response. Middle Fork's counsel has discussed this request with counsel for the Commission Staff and Staff's counsel has indicated that he has no objection to the Commission granting the request made by the Company herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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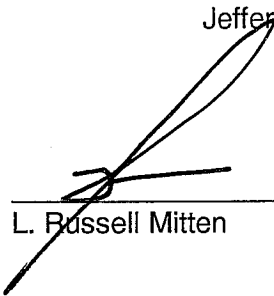
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 28th day of December, 2007, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first class mail, electronic mail, or hand delivery to the following:

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