## **BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Stipulation Respecting Adjustments ) to Sewer Charges Applicable to Four Seasons Racquet and ) Country Club Condominium Owners Association, Inc. )

Case No. SO-2011-0046

# <u>INTERIM STATUS REPORT</u> AND REQUEST FOR SECOND EXTENSION

COMES NOW Lake Region Water and Sewer Company ("Lake Region" or "Company") and for this interim status report and request for a second extension submits the following to the Commission:

1. At the recommendation of the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") and Lake Region, by order dated October 6, 2010, the Commission approved an extension of the deadlines originally established by the "Partial Non-Unanimous Stipulation Respecting Adjustments to Sewer Charges Applicable to the Racquet Club Condominium Property Owners Association, Inc." (Stipulation) executed by Four Seasons Racquet and Country Club Condominium Owners Association, Inc. ("Racquet Club"), Lake Region and the Staff on February 22, 2010.

- 2. The October 6, 2010 Commission order approved the following deadlines:
- a. Lake Region should reinstall a total flow measurement assembly completed by December 1, 2010;
- b. Lake Region should test and verify the accuracy by January 30, 2011;
- c. After such verification, total flow data should be collected for six (6) months,February through July 2011; and
- d. In August 2011, the data from those six (6) months, which includes both winter and summer flow measurements, will be available to evaluate the options in measuring flow at other complex locations toward reducing and billing for excess

flow. At that time Lake Region should file a report as to its current results and future plans.

3. Despite best efforts by Lake Region to meet the deadlines extended by the Commission, just cause exists for those deadlines to be modified.

4. Since the entry of the October 6, 2010 Order, Lake Region has evaluated metering solutions and has conferred regularly with Staff Engineer Martin Hummel. Regarding the December 1, 2010 deadline for installation of the total flow measurement assembly, Lake Region originally believed it could use an existing flow meter in conjunction with a flume the Company had in stock. On November 9, 2010 Josh Duncan, operator for Lake Region, accompanied Mr. Hummel to inspect an installation near Platte City, Missouri where Timber Creek Sewer Company uses a flow meter in conjunction with a Parshall flume for billing.

5. After inspecting the Timber Creek flow measurement installation and discussing the same with Mr. Hummel, Ressler & Associates (flow meter manufacturer's representative) and several operators during the recent Missouri Rural Water Association conference, Lake Region determined that using a new Parshall flume with a new flow meter is the optimum solution. Lake Region has further determined that in order to obtain the most accurate readings with this configuration, the existing sewer collection line must be re-graded to reduce the slope of the line and thus the velocity of the sewer flow through the line.

6. Lake Region has ordered both the new Parshall flume and the new flow meter for the installation. The vendor has informed the Company that it will be mid to late December before the new flume and new flow meter will be available due to their internal lead times. The new flume will need to be fabricated for an in-line installation at the site. The Company is currently working on re-grading the sewer collection line and obtaining an enclosure for the new flume so that the flume and flow meter can be installed quickly once they are available.

7. Ressler & Associates is qualified to calibrate the meter once installation is complete. The Company will notify Mr. Hummel, Four Seasons Racquet Club POA and the Country Club Hotel when this calibration will take place in order for representatives of those parties to be present during the calibration process. Based on the equipment delivery dates provided by Ressler & Associates and allowing for delays due to winter weather, Lake Region believes that the flow meter can be installed and operational on or before January 31, 2011.

8. For the foregoing reasons, Lake Region requests that the deadlines established in the Commission's order of October 6, 2010 be modified as follows:

- a. Lake Region should reinstall a total flow measurement assembly to be completed by January 31, 2011;
- b. Lake Region should test and verify the accuracy by March 31, 2011;
- c. After such verification, total flow data should be collected for six (6) months, April through September 2011; and
- d. In October 2011, the data from those six (6) months will be available to evaluate the options in measuring flow at other complex locations toward reducing and billing for excess flow. At that time Lake Region should file a report as to its current results and future plans.

WHEREFORE, Lake Region respectfully submits this interim status report and requests an order of the Commission extending the previously approved deadlines in the Stipulation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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