

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

In the Matter of Lincoln County Utilities)	
Co.'s Application to Sell Its)	
Sewer/Treatment Facilities to the Public)	<u>Case No. SM-2006-0369</u>
Water Supply District No. 1 of Lincoln)	
County, Missouri.)	

NINTH STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its Ninth Status Report states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC):

1. After the Staff had filed a Status Report on May 9, 2006¹, the Commission issued its ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE STATUS REPORTS ("Order") on May 12th, in which it ordered the Staff to submit monthly status reports on or before the 15th of each month until such time as a recommendation can be filed, or unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. In compliance with the Commission's Order, the Staff submitted its Second Status Report on June 15th, its Third Status Report on July 12th, its Fourth Status Report on August 15th, its Fifth Status Report on September 15th, and its Sixth Status Report on October 12th, its Seventh Status Report on November 15th, and its Eighth Status Report on December 15th.

3. For this Ninth Status Report, the Staff reports that the District is contemplating several things at this time that include: 1) negotiating some amendments to the sale contract between it and Lincoln County Utilities Company; 2) meeting with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources with regard to a compliance agreement; 3) continuing its review and finalization of the preliminary engineering report, which has previously been reported as under review with some modification

¹ Unless otherwise specified, all dates referred herein are in the year 2006.

needs already identified; 4) inspections of certain sewer pipelines; and, 5) using information from the above activities, determine a general concept of how to proceed with regard to the proposed sale.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Ninth Status Report for the Commission's information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of this Ninth Status Report have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 12th day of January 2007.

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