

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aqua)	
Missouri, Inc., to Implement a Rate Increase)	
for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its)	<u>Case No. SR-2007-0023</u>
Missouri Service Areas.)	

MOTION TO CHANGE FILING DATES

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Motion to Change Filing Date ("Motion") states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On July 14, 2006 (unless noted otherwise, all dates hereafter refer to the year 2006), the Commission issued its **Order Directing Filings and Adding a Party** ("July 14 Order") in the instant case, wherein it ordered the Staff to file its recommendation and memorandum for this case no later than August 4, and ordered that any responses to the Staff's recommendation be filed no later than August 11.

2. On July 19, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") requested that a local public hearing be held in this case.

3. On July 21, the Staff filed its Notice of Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request, to which it attached a *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Rate Increase Request* ("Company/Staff Agreement") between Aqua Missouri, Inc. ("Company") and the Staff.

4. Also on July 21, the Company mailed notice to its customers informing them of the proposed increased rates that would result from the above-referenced Company/Staff Agreement. The customers have until August 10 to respond to this notice.

5. Based upon the discussion of the OPC's request for a local public hearing during the Commission's July 27 Agenda meeting, the Staff believes that the Commission will grant that request; however, it has not yet done so.

6. In accordance with the Commission's July 14 Order, the OPC's "position statement" regarding the proposed increased rates that are the subject of this case is due to be filed within seven days after the local public hearing is held, if one is held.

7. In order for the Staff to file the most meaningful recommendation possible for this case, it needs to have the benefit of the customers' responses to the Company's July 21 notice, the testimony from the local public hearing, and the OPC's "position statement," which will be filed after the local public hearing.

8. Based on the above, the Staff respectfully requests that the date for the filing of its recommendation in this case be set at a date that is five days after the date that the OPC is scheduled to file its post-local public hearing position statement, with responses to the Staff's recommendation then being due five days after the recommendation is filed.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Motion for the Commission's consideration in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Motion 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 3rd day of August 2006.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger