

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

In the Matter of the Application of Elm Hills)	
Utility Operating Company, Inc., for)	File No. SM-2020-0146
Authority to Acquire Certain Sewer)	as consolidated with
Assets)	File No. SA-2020-0152

ELM HILLS' RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Elm Hills"), and, as its *Response to Staff Recommendation*, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Elm Hills filed an *Application and Motion for Waiver* ("Application") on November 22, 2019. The Application was assigned File Nos. SM-2020-0146 and SA-2020-0152. On January 30, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Consolidating Cases*, thereby consolidating SA-2020-0152 into File No. SM-2020-0146, with SM-2020-0146 being the lead case.

2. On March 17, 2020, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed a Staff Recommendation and an associated Memorandum. The Staff Recommendation recommends approval of the Application, subject to various proposed conditions. (Memo, p. 7-8)

3. Thereafter, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Response*, on March 30, 2020, directing that Elm Hills respond to the Staff Recommendation no later than April 3, 2020.

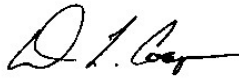
4. Elm Hills hereby responds that it has no objection to the Staff Recommendation and its proposed conditions.

5. Additionally, Elm Hills notes for clarification that its Application indicated that Elm Hills provided water service to approximately 119 customers and sewer service to

approximately 355 customers in Pettis and Johnson Counties, Missouri.¹ Subsequently, Elm Hills has added additional customers and it currently provides service to approximately 133 water customers and 375 sewer customers in four service areas between Pettis and Johnson County.

WHEREFORE, Elm Hills respectfully requests the Commission consider this *Response to Staff Recommendation* and, thereafter, issue its order granting Elm Hills' Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ The Staff Memorandum indicates that “Elm Hills is an existing regulated water and sewer utility currently providing water service to approximately 119 customers and sewer service to approximately 300 customers in two service areas in Pettis County.” (Memo, p. 3 of 13)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on April 2, 2020, to the following:

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