OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

MBP Development, LLC,)
	Complainant,)
v.) <u>Case No. SC-2005-0359</u>
Aqua Missouri, Inc.,)
	Respondent.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING STAFF INVESTIGATION AND REPORT

Issue Date: May 27, 2005 Effective Date: May 27, 2005

This order will direct the Staff to investigate the facts in this case and file a report and recommendation under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(10).

The Complaint alleges numerous facts that may not be easily resolved through pleadings and upon which this case may turn. Compliance with tariff provisions and billing standards are issues in which Staff has subject matter expertise. The Commission views its Staff as a neutral third party in this complaint case. The Commission will direct the Staff to investigate the contested issues set out in this order and file a verified report of its findings with the Commission.

The Commission will also direct its Staff to include in its recommendation information about the Commission's jurisdiction over the allegations and relief requested in the Complaint. Staff has the discretion to report its findings as to any other issue in this case. The Staff shall file its report as directed below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall investigate the issues set out herein and file a report of its findings and recommendation not later than June 16, 2005.
- That any responses to Staff's investigation report shall be filed no later than
 June 27, 2005.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on May 27, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 27th day of May, 2005.