

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public)
Service Commission,)
)
Complainant,)
)
vs.)
)
Aqua Development Company)
d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc.,)
)
Respondent.)

Case No. SC-2010-0150, et al.

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STATUS REPORT AND
REQUEST FOR RESERVATION OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATES**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) and Aqua Missouri, Inc.¹ (collectively referred to hereinafter as “the Parties”) and submit their Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Status Report and Request for Reservation of Evidentiary Hearing Dates (“Motion”) as follows:

1. On the January 20, 2010, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“the Commission”) issued its Order Directing Status Report (“Order”), directing the Parties to file by January 27, 2010 a status report in the manner described at the January 20, 2010 prehearing conference.

2. The Parties are currently engaged in settlement negotiations. The Parties state that, due to the ongoing nature of these discussions, the Parties will not be in a position to effectively evaluate the necessity, scope and procedure required for an evidentiary hearing by

¹ For the purposes of this pleading, “Aqua Missouri, Inc.” shall collectively refer to Aqua Development Company d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua RU Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri Inc., and Aqua Missouri, Inc., respondents in this and consolidated complaint cases.

January 27, 2010. The Parties state that a nine (9) day extension of the mandate contained in the Commission's Order will facilitate this evaluation and therefore advance the public interest.

3. Although, as described above, the Parties are not currently in a position to evaluate whether an evidentiary hearing will be necessary in this matter, due to the large volume of issues currently before the Commission, the Parties request the Commission reserve in advance April 14 - 16, 2010 as the dates designated for an evidentiary hearing should such hearing be required.

WHEREFORE, the Parties request that the Commission issue an order (1) extending until February 5, 2010, the date by which the Parties must file the status report as described at the January 20, 2010 prehearing conference and (2) reserving April 14 – 16, 2010 as the dates for the evidentiary hearing in this matter should such hearing be necessary at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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