

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

In the Matter of the Application of Middle Fork Water        )  
Company for an Order Initiating an Investigation            )  
to Ascertain the Value of the Company's Property            ) Case No. WO-2007-0266  
Devoted to the Public Service                                    )

**REQUEST FOR ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO  
STATE AND EXPLAIN THE FACTUAL AND LEGAL BASES  
FOR ITS RECOMMENDATION**

Middle Fork Water Company ("Middle Fork" or "Company"), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to issue an order directing the Commission Staff ("Staff") to state and explain, in writing, the factual and legal bases for the Staff Recommendation filed herein on November 20, 2007. In support of its request, the Company states as follows:

1. On November 20, 2007, Staff filed a document entitled "Staff Recommendation," which stated Staff's conclusions regarding the appropriate values of the balances on the Company's books, as of September 30, 2007, for Plant in Service, Accumulated Depreciation, and Contributions in Aid of Construction. Staff made this filing in response to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing*, which was entered on September 25, 2007.

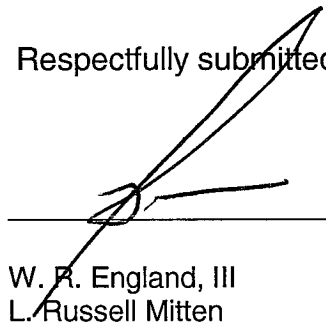
2. As part of its recommendations, Staff alleged that approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of the Company's net Plant in Service should be categorized as Contributions in Aid of Construction. How or why Staff reached this conclusion is unknown, however, because nowhere in its filing does Staff explain the factual or legal bases for its allegation.

3. Middle Fork believes that none of its Plant in Service properly qualifies or should be categorized as a Contribution in Aid of Construction, and the Company intends to contest Staff's allegation to the contrary. In order to do so, however, Middle

Fork needs – and deserves – to know the facts and law upon which Staff’s allegation is based. Otherwise, the Company will be forced to speculate as to the reasons for Staff’s allegation and Middle Fork’s arguments in rebuttal of that allegation will not be as specific or focused as they could, or should, be.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Middle Fork requests the Commission to issue an order requiring Staff to clearly and completely state and explain, in writing, the factual and legal bases for the allegation stated in its Staff Recommendation that the majority – or, indeed, any – of the Company’s investment in Plant in Service qualifies and properly should be categorized as a Contribution in Aid of Construction.

Respectfully submitted,



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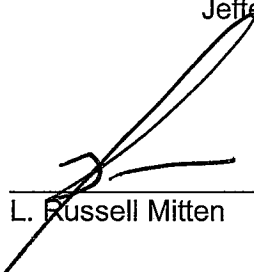
ATTORNEYS FOR MIDDLE FORK WATER  
COMPANY

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 29th day of November, 2007, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first class mail, electronic mail, or hand delivery to the following:

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