

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

In the Matter of the Application of Taney County)
Utilities Corporation for Authority to Transfer Certain)
Assets to Taney County Regional Sewer District)
And in Connection Therewith, Certain Other)
Related Transactions.)

File No. SM-2017-0056

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report*, states as follows:

1. On May 17, 2017, The Missouri Public Service Commission issued its *Order Approving Transfer of Assets*, which became effective June 16, 2017, approving the Joint Application of Taney County Utilities Corporation (“TCUC”) and Taney County Regional Sewer District (“District”) (collectively “Applicants”) requesting authority to transfer certain assets to Taney County Regional Sewer District.

2. Because the Applicants will not be able to close on the asset transfer until a new treatment facility is constructed, as part of its approval, the Commission directed Staff to periodically report on the construction status of the District’s new wastewater treatment facility.

3. Staff filed a status report with the Commission on June 30, 2017, indicating that the project was on schedule to be completed by the October 11, 2017, construction date. Staff has remained in contact with the Applicants since that time, and the District has provided another photograph documenting the current status of the project, attached hereto as Appendix A. In addition, the District has informed Staff that the contractor has requested a sixty (60) day extension for the construction timeline.

Due to heavy rains experienced in southern Missouri earlier this year, the contractor's gravel supplier has been delayed, and the rock necessary to construct the filter beds has not yet been delivered. This delay has pushed the District's estimated timeline for completion of the treatment plant and acceptance of ownership of the collection system and customers to December 10, 2017.

4. Staff will continue to stay in contact with the District, and will update the Commission further if Staff becomes aware of additional changes to the District's estimated timeline for completion, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept Staff's *Status Report*, and grant such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 29th day of September, 2017.

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