BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of West 16th Street Sewer Company, W.P.C. Sewer Company, Village Water and Sewer Company, Inc. and Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc., for Raccoon Creek to Acquire Certain Sewer Assets and, In Connection Therewith, Issue Indebtedness and Encumber Those Assets

File No. SM-2015-0014

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, in response to the Commission's July 21, 2014¹ Order Directing Notice and Order Directing Filing files this Status Report, notifying the Commission that Staff intends to file a recommendation or another status report on September 10 in this matter. In support of this Status Report, Staff states as follows:

1. On July 14, Applicants, West 16th Street Sewer Company, ("West 16th"), W.P.C. Sewer Company, ("WPC"), Village Water and Sewer Company, Inc., ("Village") and Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc., ("Raccoon Creek") filed their *Joint Application and, If Necessary, Motion for Waiver.* Applicants requested that the Commission approve Raccoon Creek's agreements to purchase West 16th, WPC, and Village's sewer assets. Raccoon Creek would partially finance the purchase via debt that would encumber those assets, and also asks the Commission to approve the same. Finally, Raccoon Creek wishes to become regulated by the Commission, and, thus, also

¹ All dates referred to are to the year 2014 unless otherwise stated.

wishes for the Commission to grant it a certificate of convenience and necessity to own and operate those sewer assets.

2. On June 21 the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Order Directing Filing* directing Staff to file a pleading stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter by August 11.

3. Staff continues its investigation related to this application; however, due to the unique nature of the financial transaction and its interconnected nature with file number WO-2014-0340, also before the Commission, Staff requests an additional 30 days to complete its recommendation or file another status report.

4. Staff has contacted the parties in the case, and they do not object to Staff's request.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this status report and requests until September 10, 2014 to file its report or recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Alexander Antal</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served to all counsel of record by hand delivery, electronic mail or First Class United States Mail this 11th day of August, 2014.

/s/ Alexander Antal