BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Lakeland Heights Water Company, Inc. for a Small Company Rate Increase

Case No. WR-2009-0227

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation Regarding Tariff Filing* states the following:

1. On November 26, 2008, the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission) received a Rate Increase Request Letter from Lakeland Heights Water Company, Inc. (Lakeland Heights or the Company).

2. On July 29, 2009, Staff, Lakeland Heights, and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Notice of Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request (Unanimous Agreement).

3. On August 5, 2009, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Unanimous Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing*, approving the Unanimous Agreement and authorizing Lakeland Heights to file tariffs in compliance with the terms thereof.

4. On August 13, 2009, Lakeland Heights filed revised tariff sheets with an effective date of September 12, 2009. This filing was submitted in Tariff File Number YW-2010-0083.

5. The Commission thereafter issued its *Order Directing Filing*, ordering Staff to file a recommendation as to the tariff revisions no later than September 2, 2009.

6. David A. Spratt, Technical Specialist, has examined Lakeland Heights' revised tariff sheets, P.S.C. MO No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 4 and P.S.C. MO No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling Original Sheet No. 5, and notes that the

tariff revisions reflect the agreed-upon rate increase and should be allowed to take effect no later than September 12, 2009. See *Spratt Affidavit*, attached hereto.

7. The Commission has the authority to approve the subject proposed tariff revisions in accordance with Sections 393.140 (11) and 393.150 RSMo (2000).

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed revised tariff sheets currently pending in Tariff File No. YW-2010-0083 to be effective no later than September 12, 2009.

P.S.C. MO No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 4

And

P.S.C. MO No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling Original Sheet No. 5

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request* has been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record this 2nd day of September 2009.

/s/ Samuel D. Ritchie

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AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID SPRATT

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David Spratt, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is a Technical Specialist in the Missouri Public Service Commission's Water & Sewer Department; (2) that he reviewed and examined the revised tariff sheets filed by Lakeland Heights Water Company on August 13, 2009; (3) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in the forgoing tariff sheets; (4) that the matters set forth in the foregoing tariff sheets are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and (5) that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; the revised tariff sheets comply with the Missouri Public Service Commission's Order Approving Unanimous Disposition Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing issued August 5, 2009 and effective August 15, 2009.

David A. Spratt Technical Specialist Water and Sewer Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20^{44} day of August, 2009.



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER My Commission Expires September 21, 2010 Callaway County Commission #06942086