

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

In the Matter of the Application of Elm Hills)
Utility Operating Company, Inc. and)
Missouri Utilities Company for Elm Hills to)
Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets of)
Missouri Utilities Company, for a Certificate)
Of Convenience and Necessity, and, in)
Connection therewith, to Issue Indebtedness)
And Encumber Assets)

Case No. SM-2017-0150

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON COMPLIANCE TARIFFS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and hereby states for its *Staff Recommendation on Compliance Tariffs*:

1. The compliance tariffs filed by Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Elm Hills or Company) on October 6, 2017, comply with the terms of the *NonUnanimous Stipulation and Agreement*, filed on August 2, 2017. Thus, Staff recommends approval of P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. Title Page cancelling P.S.C. MO No. 1, Original Sheet No. Title Page; P.S.C. MO No. 1, Original; P.S.C. MO No. 1, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4 cancelling P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 4; P.S.C. MO No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet No. Title Page cancelling P.S.C. MO No. 1, Original Sheet No. Title Page; P.S.C. MO No. 2, Original Sheet No. Adoption Notice; P.S.C. MO No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4 cancelling P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 4; P.S.C. MO No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet No. 1 cancelling P.S.C. MO No. 1, Original Sheet No. 1; P.S.C. MO No. 2, Original Sheet No. 2A; and P.S.C. MO No. 2, Original Sheet No. 3A.

2. The Commission also ordered all parties to respond to Elm Hills' *Motion for Expedited Treatment* no later than October 12, 2017. Staff supports the *Motion* and recommends the Commission approve Elm Hills' request for the tariffs to take effect on October 17, 2017, one day after closing.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will approve the filed compliance tariffs; approve Elm Hills' *Motion for Expedited Treatment*; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jacob T. Westen

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 11th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Jacob T. Westen

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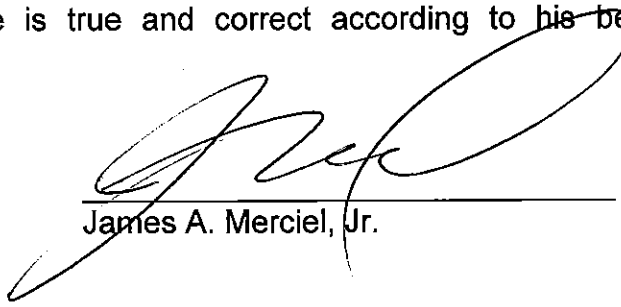
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR.

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of Cole)

COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr., and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation on Compliance Tariffs*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

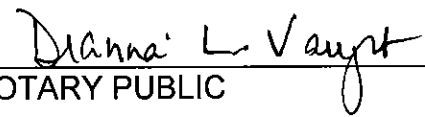
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



James A. Merciel, Jr.

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 10th day of October, 2017.



NOTARY PUBLIC

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: June 28, 2019
Commission Number: 15207377