

# **RIDGE CREEK WATER COMPANY, LLC**

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November 11, 2016

Honorable Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, PO Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Request for Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues  
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Procedure  
File No. WR-2017-0042

Dear Judge Woodruff:

Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC (the Company) holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides water distribution services in Pulaski County, Missouri. The Commission granted the Company its certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate and control a water system for service to the public in Case No. WA-2015-0182 in an order the effective date of which was September 12, 2016. The Company currently provides service to approximately 138 water customers within its certificated service area under the provisions of its Commission approved tariffs.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule setting out the small utility rate procedure, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$15,500 in its annual water system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately 29% in the Company's annual water system operating revenues. At this time, the Company is not requesting any changes to other fees or charges. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase request, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

When the Company obtained certification it was believed that the volumetric rates designed for the Company would generate approximately \$53,856 in annual revenue. The water volumes used by the customers has fallen short of those forecasted and unless the design of the tariffs is modified, the Company will continue to run deficits. Moreover, the Company has

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incurred, and is expected to incur in the future, significant expenses in equipment replacement and additions to comply with state regulatory requirements.

The Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments and the filing of its Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Stoner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Denise Stoner, Member