

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC ) **Case No. SR-2013-0321**  
For Approval of a Rate Increase )

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC ) **Case No. WR-2013-0322**  
For Approval of a Rate Increase )

**JOINT PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and, on behalf of itself, Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC (Lincoln County), and the Office of Public Counsel (Public Counsel), states as follows:

1. On December 4, 2012, Lincoln County filed requests before the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for increases in water and sewer operating system revenues.
2. On July 2, 2013, having been unable to reach agreement with Lincoln County on the increase request, Staff filed a request for a hearing in this matter.
3. On July 31, 2013, the Commission ordered the parties to agree upon and file a proposed procedural schedule. In compliance with that Order, the parties hereby propose and respectfully request the Commission adopt the following:

Data Request response time shall be 10	
calendar days to respond/ 5 to object	August 15, 2013
Local Public Hearing	August 20, 2013
Direct	September 4, 2013
Rebuttal	September 25, 2013
Data Request response time changes to	
5 business days to respond/2 to object	September 26, 2013

Surrebuttal	October 16, 2013
Close of Discovery	October 18, 2013
List of Issues/Witnesses and Order of Cross/Openings	October 25, 2013
Statements of Positions	October 30, 2013
Hearing	November 5-6, 2013
Briefs	November 22, 2013

4. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's decision and order regarding this case should be issued and effective no later than eleven months after the case was opened. In this case, the eleven-month deadline is November 4, 2013. The parties have agreed to request this provision of 4 CSR 240-3.050 be waived in order to accommodate the agreed-upon schedule as laid out above. The parties have made efforts to fit a workable procedural schedule into the remaining time before November 4. However, due to the number of issues upon which all parties must write testimony and scheduling conflicts of witnesses and counsel, the above hearing dates were the earliest dates the parties could agree upon.

5. As reflected in the above procedural schedule, the parties make the following agreements regarding discovery:

- a. Until rebuttal testimony is filed on September 25, 2013, the response time for all data request shall be ten (10) calendar days, with five (5) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than ten (10) days will be necessary to provide the requested information.
- b. After rebuttal testimony is filed on September 25, 2013, the response time for all data request shall be five (5) business days, with two (2) business

days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) days will be necessary to provide the requested information

- c. All data requests or other discovery requests shall be issued no later than October 18, 2013.

**WHEREFORE**, Lincoln County, Public Counsel, and Staff submit this jointly proposed procedural schedule and list of agreements and request the Commission adopt the proposed procedural schedule, approve the agreements, and grant what further relief it deems just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Amy E. Moore**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

**/s/ Amy E. Moore**