BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of R.D. Sewer Company) LLC's Small Company Rate Increase) Case No. SR-2009-0226

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Response* pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) with Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), respectfully stating the following:

1. On July 1, 2009, the Commission held a local public hearing in Dexter, Missouri to allow testimony regarding the rate increase request of R.D. Sewer Company, LLC, designated by the Commission as Case No. SR-2009-0226.

2. 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) requires Staff to file a pleading after the public hearing indicating "whether any material information not previously available was provided at the local public hearing and stating whether that information might result in changes to the utility/staff disposition agreement..."

3. Four customers testified at the public hearing. The testimony provided at the hearing dealt with odor, individual pump unit issues, and terms for service rates the previous owner, Mr. Bien, included in the contract for sale of the subdivision lots.

4. Staff has followed up with the customers who testified, and investigated the issues presented. Staff states that the information presented at the local public hearing does not necessitate any changes to the April 27, 2009 *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition Of Small Sewer Company Revenue Increase Request.*

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this response for the Commission's information and consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via electronic mail on Terry C. Allen, attorney for R.D. Sewer, LLC, at <u>terry@tcallenlawoffices.com</u>, and The Office of Public Counsel of the State of Missouri, at <u>opcservice@ded.mo.gov</u> this 8th day of July, 2009.

<u>/s/ Jennifer Hernandez</u>