BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC for Approval Of a Rate Increase

Case No. SR-2013-0321

Staff's Response to <u>Public Counsel's Motion for Clarification</u>

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Response to the Public Counsel's Motion for Clarification,* states as follows:

1. On July 30, 2014, the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed its *Motion for Clarification,* requesting guidance "as to whether the Commission intended the parties to utilize the FY 2014 PSC Assessment applicable at the time of the evidentiary hearing or the current FY 2015 PSC Assessment applicable at the time of the July 23, 2014, Order in the calculation of rates."

2. Because it would constitute a violation of the matching principle, Staff recommends that the FY2015 PSC Assessment *not* be used in the calculation of rates in this case. No other account is being updated in that manner.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission DENY Public Counsel's Motion for Clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 **31st day of July, 2014.**

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson