

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

In the Matter of the Application of Rex)
Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a RDE)
Water Company For Authority to Sell) Case No. WM-2022-0246
Certain Water Assets to The City of Nixa,)
Missouri, and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

**RDE WATER COMPANY'S
RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION
FOR CUSTOMER NOTICE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

COMES NOW Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a RDE Water Company, (RDE) and in response to Office of Public Counsel's (Public Counsel) Motion for Customer Notice and Local Public Hearing offers the following:

1. RDE has no objection to Public Counsel's Motion for Customer Notice and Local Public Hearing.
2. RDE and the City of Nixa, Missouri (City) anticipated a public hearing would be required by the Commission, and it was always the plan to consolidate the public hearing required by the Commission with the public hearing RDE and the City planned to conduct to conserve time and resources.
3. The City has a nonresident water rate for customers outside the City, as do most other cities in the area. (See Exhibit A, Springfield, Ozark, Republic, and Branson's nonresident rates).
4. The nonresident rates for customers outside the City are necessary because the City incurs additional expenses to service those customers.
5. Although rates for nonresident customers will be higher, it is the intent and goal of the City to significantly improve the service currently being provided to RDE's customers.

Significant maintenance improvements are necessary to improve the RDE Water facilities and system as a whole.

6. In addition, the nonresident rates are set by City ordinance with regard to all nonresident water customers, not just RDE customers.

7. Currently, there are both nonresident residential and commercial water customers served by the City who are not RDE customers. These nonresident customers pay the nonresident rate set by the City ordinance.

WHEREFORE, RDE Water Company submits its response to Public Counsel's Motion for Customer Notice and Local Public Hearing and restates that it does not object to the Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 11th day of May 2022, a copy of the foregoing **RDE Water Company's Responses to Public Counsel's Motion for Customer Notice and Local Public Hearing** was served by filing in the docket for this case in the Missouri Public Service Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS).



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