

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

Summit Investment, LLC,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	<u>Case No. SC-2014-0214</u>
v.)	
)	<u>Case No. WC-2014-0215</u>
Osage Water Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report*, states as follows:

1. The October 22, 2015, *Report and Order* directed Staff to work with Osage to determine what steps are necessary to expand services to the undeveloped lots in Eagle Woods.
2. As directed, Staff filed a status report on February 1, 2016.
3. Staff has made preliminary observations of the plant facilities with OWC's contract operator and on another occasion with OWC's consulting engineer, hired for the purpose of working with Staff on this matter, with the primary goal of identifying options available to OWC to accommodate adding additional customers. The observations include water and sewage flow measurements, laboratory testing for organic sewage load, and water pressure testing under various conditions, to evaluate the facilities as they exist, along with what might be needed as both short term and long term expansion or plant replacement. This also includes discussions with the City of Osage Beach's public works engineer about options for either retail or wholesale service being provided by the City to Osage's service area.

4. The study and evaluation are ongoing. According to the Company, the engineer has indicated that an inspection will be conducted on the facility to determine its current condition and if additional connections can be made, and also what will be needed in order for the Company to obtain a re-issued discharge permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources when the current permit expires on December 26, 2016. A report will be issued with the results. Further, the report is to have recommendations for necessary improvements with cost estimates of these improvements.

5. Because the study and evaluation are ongoing, Staff recommends that that the Commission issue an order directing OWC to file another status report, including the above-referenced report and OWC's plan in response, on or before August 24, 2016.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission accept this *Status Report*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record on the Service List maintained for this case by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 24th day of May, 2016.

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