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Mr. Dale H. Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Missouri Public Service Commission

RE: House Springs Sewer Company, Inc.

Case No. SR-2000-302

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and fourteen copies of **Office of the Public Counsel's Statement of Position.** Please "file" stamp the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

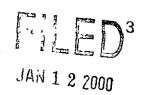
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Enclosure

cc: Counsel of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



In the Matter of the Request of House Springs)
Sewer Company, Inc., for a Rate Increase Under)
the Small Company Rate Increase Procedure.)

Service Commission

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), and for its Statement of Position, states as follows:

- On October 29, 1999, House Springs Sewer Company, Inc. (HSSC), filed its motion for leave to pursue a rate increase via the Public Service Commission's (Commission) Small Company Rate Increase Procedure despite its delinquency with respect to its annual reports and annual assessments.
- 2. On November 4, 1999, OPC responded in opposition to HSSC's motion and the Commission Staff responded in support.
- 3. As a result of negotiations between the parties since that time, OPC hereby withdraws its objection to the motion of House Springs for small company rate treatment despite its delinquencies as to its annual reports and annual assessments.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing document have been faxed, mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this \(\frac{12}{2} \) day of January, 2000.

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