BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of S.K. & M. Water and |) |
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| Sewer Company's Application for Increases |) File No. SR-2019-0157 |
| in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues |) |

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT TO EXTEND AND UPDATED RATE CASE TIMELINE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, on behalf of itself and S.K. & M. Water and Sewer Company ("SK&M" or "Company"), and for this *Notice of Agreement to Extend and Updated Rate Case Timeline* respectfully state as follows:

- 1. On November 27, 2018, SK&M filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting an increase in annual operating revenues, in addition to the implementation of emergency/interim rates.
- 2. On December 3, 2018, Staff filed the *Small Utility Rate Case Timeline* ("Timeline") pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.075(5). The Timeline established April 26, 2019, as the date on which Staff is to file an executed *Disposition Agreement* ("Agreement").
- 3. Since SK&M first filed with the Commission a request to increase annual operating revenues, the Company has cooperated in good faith with both Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"). However, additional time is necessary to finalize the Agreement. Therefore, Staff and the Company have agreed to extend the Timeline by 30 days, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.075 (5)(A), which states:

"Staff and the utility may agree in writing that the deadlines set out in the rate case timeline...be extended for up to thirty (30) days. If an extension is agreed upon, staff shall file the agreement and an updated timeline reflecting the extension in the new case file."

4. Based on the foregoing, Staff and the Company agree to a 30 day extension of the deadlines set out in the Timeline filed on December 3, 2018, in this case. The updated Rate Case Timeline is as follows:

This section pertains to the situation where only the Utility and Staff reach an agreement on the overall disposition of the request, but OPC or other intervenors have not requested an evidentiary hearing. The dates shown assume that the Utility will make a 45-day tariff filing concurrent with Staff's filing of the disposition agreement. If an evidentiary hearing is requested, a procedural schedule will be filed for the case beyond day 180, which will supersede this timeline.

| Target Day | Target Due Date | Calendar Due Date | Case Activity | "Party" |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 180 | 05/24/19 | 05/26/19 | Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions | Utility |
| 185 | 05/31/19 | 05/31/19 | OPC or Other Intervenors File Position Statement(s) | OPC & Other Intervenors |
| 195 | 06/10/19 | 06/10/19 | Staff Recommendation Filed if applicable OR ordered by the Commission. (Can include motion for suspension of tariff revisions requesting correction of any deficiencies) | Case Manager |
| 205 | 06/20/19 | 06/20/19 | Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued | Assigned RLJ |
| 215 | 06/28/19 | 06/30/19 | Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date | N/A |
| 230 | 07/15/19 | 07/15/19 | Notice Closing Case Issued | Assigned RLJ |

These dates are working days that require a filing 'no later than' the date shown

This section pertains to the situation where all parties reach an agreement on the overall disposition of the request. The dates shown assume that the Utility will make a 30-day tariff filing on Day 185. This timeline assumes the Commission approves the agreement and no evidentiary hearing is necessary.

| Target Day | Target Due Date | Calendar Due Date | Case Activity | "Party" |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 180 | 05/24/19 | 05/26/19 | Unanimous Disposition Agreement is Filed | Staff |
| 185 | 05/31/19 | 05/31/19 | Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions | Utility |
| 195 | 06/10/19 | 06/10/19 | Staff Recommendation Filed if Ordered by the Commission. (Can include motion for suspension of tariff revisions requesting correction of any deficiencies) | Case Manager |
| 205 | 06/20/19 | 06/20/19 | Order Approving Tariff Revisions Issued | Assigned RLJ |
| 215 | 06/28/19 | 06/30/19 | Tariff Revisions Effective "On and After" this Date | N/A |
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If the parties cannot reach an agreement by day 180 and an evidentiary hearing is necessary, then the parties must file a new procedural schedule in the case. If one of the parties requests and is granted an evidentiary hearing by the Commission prior to day 180, then the remaining dates in this timeline are moot as of the date of that order granting the evidentiary hearing and the parties must file a new procedural schedule.

| Target Day | Target Due Date | Calendar Due Date | Case Activity | "Party" |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| 185 | 05/31/19 | 05/31/19 | Utility Files Necessary Tariff Revisions | Utility |
| 195 | 06/10/19 | 06/10/19 | Parties File a PROPOSED Procedural Schedule | All Parties |

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WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Notice of Agreement to Extend and Updated Rate Case Timeline;* and requests the Commission grant such other and further relief as it deems just in the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 25th day of April, 2019, to all counsel of record.

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