BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of S.K. & M. Water and Sewer Company's Application for an Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues))	File No. SR-2022-0239
In the Matter of S. K. & M. Water and Sewer Company's Application for an Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues)	File No. WR-2022-0240

JOINT RESPONSE REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and on behalf of itself and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), states the following:

- 1. On March 8, 2022, S. K. & M. Water and Sewer Company ("SK&M") initiated rate cases¹ with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in which it requested an increase of \$4,000 in its annual water system operating revenues and \$8,000 in its annual sewer system operating revenues.
- 2. On March 10, 2022, Staff filed a *Rate Case Timeline* in each matter specifying due dates for the activities required by the Commission's Staff Assisted Rate Case Procedure.²
- 3. On March 15, 2022, the Commission filed its *Order Directing Response Regarding Local Public Hearing*, ordering the parties to suggest dates and a location for a local public hearing no later than March 22, 2022.
- 4. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(6) Staff's *Rate Case Timeline* included a local public hearing scheduled to occur no later than sixty days after

¹ Case Nos. SR-2022-0239 and WR-2022-0240, respectively.

² 20 CSR 4240-10.075.

the opening of the cases. Staff and OPC agree that a public hearing is necessary and appropriate, and thus, propose that the Commission select one of following dates at 6:00 p.m.:

- April 21, 2022
- April 22, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- April 27, 2022
- April 28, 2022
- 5. Staff and OPC agree that a virtual public hearing would be the best option in this case.
- 6. Staff is in communication with SK&M, but SK&M has not yet agreed or objected to the dates proposed above.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays, on behalf of itself and OPC, that the Commission schedule a virtual public hearing; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered to the parties and/or their counsel of record by U.S. Postal Service postage prepaid, or by hand, or served electronically, on this 22nd day of March, 2022.

/s/ Casi Aslin