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TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. WA-97-510  
File No. 9900650  
Gascony Water Company, Inc.

FROM: Jim Merciel, Water and Sewer Department

*Jim Merciel* 3/29/99

Wes Henderson 3/29/99  
Director, Utility Operations Division Date

Wm J. Hesse 3/29/99 SD 3/29/99  
General Counsel's Office Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Filing

DATE: March 26, 1999

On March 8, 1999, Gascony Water Company, Inc. (GWC) filed a complete new tariff to comply with the Commission's ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT (Order) in this case, issued on February 25, 1999 and effective on March 9, 1999.

On March 25, 1999, GWC submitted substitute sheets to make some modifications and corrections at the request of the Staff.

The tariffs bear an effective date of April 7, 1999, however, when making the original filing, GWC requested expedited approval. Having communicated with GWC while reviewing the tariff filing, the Staff is aware that GWC desires to begin its quarterly billing on April 1, 1999. The Staff supports an early tariff effective date of April 1, 1999, because GWC intends to use calendar quarters as its billing period, and the early approval date would allow it to issue water bills for a full billing period for the second calendar quarter of 1999.

I have reviewed the tariff filing, and it is my opinion it is correct and complies with the Commission's Order. I recommend the Commission approve the following proposed tariff sheets as filed and as substituted, to become effective on April 1, 1999, earlier than the requested effective date of April 7, 1999:

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