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

PLEADING REGARDING INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and states the following:

- 1. On March 8, 2022, 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. According to the *Rate Case Timeline*, an initial customer notice and notice of a public hearing was scheduled to be mailed to customers and filed in EFIS by SK&M no later than March 28, 2022.
- 4. As of March 28, 2022, the Commission has not ordered a date for a public hearing.

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

² 20 CSR 4240-10.075.

- 5. To comply with the previously filed *Timeline*, Staff, SK&M, and the Office of the Public Counsel agreed upon language for a customer notice, not including a date for public hearing.
 - 6. 20 CSR 4240-10.075(7)(A) states,

At least ten (10) days prior to a local public hearing...the utility shall mail a written notice, as approved by staff and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) to its customers stating—(1) The time, date, and location of the local public hearing, consistent with the order setting the hearing..."

7. SK&M will mail an additional notice customers once a date for a public hearing is ordered by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this pleading for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 28th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Casi Aslin