

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| The Staff of the Missouri |) | |
| Public Service Commission, |) | |
| | Complainant, | |
| v. |) | <u>Case No. WC-2007-0042</u> |
| |) | |
| Mike Ward, |) | |
| | Respondent. | |
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STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Counsel for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and for its Fourth Status Report states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

Attorney for Respondent advises that Mr. Ward has formed a not-for-profit water corporation in order to continue to serve his one remaining customer with water services. This development is in accord with scenarios for resolution that the Staff and Respondent's counsel had discussed previously. Attorney for Respondent indicated on April 30, 2007, that he would forward the documentation evidencing formation of the water corporation.

The declaratory judgment action and injunction in the Circuit Court of Stone County scheduled has been postponed pending a resolution. Counsel will advise the Commission with further developments in this case by status report or motion for hearing on or before June 4, 2007.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Fourth Status Report for the Commission's information in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Fourth Status Report have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 30th day of April, 2007.

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