

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

In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln)
County Sewer & Water, LLC for Approval)
of a Rate Increase.)

File No. SR-2013-0321

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Request for Clarification states as follows:

1. On July 23, 2014, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC) issued its Order Regarding Motion to Establish Rate Case Expense requiring the parties to file tariff sheets consistent with that Order and the Report and Order issued on April 2, 2014.
2. The April 2, 2014, Report and Order was based on the issues brought before the Commission at the evidentiary hearing held on November 5, 2013.
3. An issue that was not brought before the Commission was the amount of the current PSC Assessment amount to include in rates. This is due to the fact that PSC Assessment amount for Lincoln County Sewer and Water (LCSW) applicable at the time of the November 2013 evidentiary hearing was recognized by the parties to be that ordered by the Commission for Fiscal Year 2014. As a mere pass-through number, no party questioned the amount of the Fiscal Year 2014 PSC Assessment for LCSW and no audit was necessary to verify the reasonableness of the amount.
4. On June 19, 2014, the Commission issued its Fiscal Year 2015 Assessment Order approving the new assessment to be paid by utilities. In its Fiscal Year 2015 Assessment the Commission instituted a change in methodology for calculating the Assessments for water and

sewer utilities. This methodology change for the Fiscal Year 2015 PSC Assessment resulted in a lowering of the overall Assessment for LCSW by the amount of \$1,426.19.

5. Subsequent case proceedings brought by LCSW culminated in the July 23, 2014, Order noted above requiring the parties to file tariff sheets to institute rates which logically must include an amount for the current PSC Assessment for LCSW.

6. Public Counsel now asks the Commission to clarify its July 23, 2014, Order to provide guidance to the parties as to whether the Commission intended the parties to utilize the FY 2014 PSC Assessment applicable at the time of the evidentiary hearing or the current FY 2015 PSC Assessment applicable at the time of the July 23, 2014, Order in the calculation of rates.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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