BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of TUK, LLC to Sell Its Sewer Assets to Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC

) File No. _____

APPLICATION AND MOTION FOR WAIVER

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COME NOW TUK, LLC (TUK) and Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC (Seven Springs), and, and, pursuant to Section 393.190, RSMo., 20 CSR 4240-2.060 and 20 CSR 4240-10.105, TUK requests the Commission's authority to sell, and Seven Springs requests permission to acquire, all or substantially all of the assets TUK uses to provide retail sewer utility services, including its certificate of convenience and necessity. Further, in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D), TUK moves the Commission for a waiver of the 60-day prefiling notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

In support of the Application and Motion for Waiver, applicants state:

INTRODUCTION

1. TUK is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at 30 Turnpike Road, Suite 4, Southborough, MA 01772. TUK is a Missouri limited liability company in good standing. A certified copy of Seven Springs' certificate of good standing is attached hereto as <u>Appendix A</u>.

2. TUK provides sewer service to approximately 27 customers in Jefferson County, Missouri, pursuant to a certificate of convenience and necessity previously granted in Commission File No. WA-2015-0169. TUK holds a Federal National Pollutant Elimination System Permit and a State Operating Permit (MO-0115223) from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The system includes a lift station, three-cell lagoon, and sludge is retained in the lagoon.

3. TUK is a "sewer corporation" and a "public utility," as those terms are defined in Section 386.020, RSMo, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law. TUK has no overdue Commission annual reports or assessment fees. There is no pending action or final unsatisfied judgment or decision against TUK from any state or federal agency or court which involves customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application.

4. Seven Springs is a Missouri limited liability company with its principal office and place of business at 1236 Field Avenue, Ellisville, Missouri. Seven Springs' mailing address is P.O. Box 113, Ellisville, MO 63011. A certified copy of Seven Springs' certificate of good standing is attached hereto as <u>Appendix B</u>.

5. Communications regarding this application should be addressed to the undersigned counsel.

THE PROPOSED SALE TRANSACTION

6. TUK proposes to sell, and Seven Springs proposes to acquire, all or substantially all assets TUK uses to provide sewer services to customers in its certificated service area. Terms and conditions of that transaction are set out in the November 2, 2021, *Contract for Purchase and Sale* ("Sale Agreement"), which is attached to this application as <u>Appendix C</u>. Under authority of, and in accordance with, 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)(3) and (6), that agreement has been designated "Confidential" because it contains market-specific information and information representing strategies employed in contract negotiations.

7. <u>Appendix D</u> verifies the authority of Louis W. Mountzoures, the Manager of TUK, to enter into the Sale Agreement with Seven Springs and to seek Commission approval of that transaction. <u>Appendix E</u> verifies the authority of Lawrence E. Harrison, Jr., the manager of Seven Springs, to enter into the Sale Agreement with TUK on behalf of Seven Springs and to seek Commission approval of that transaction.

8. Seven Springs is a qualified operator and the transaction proposed in this application is not detrimental to the public interest. Seven Springs has the own and operate the TUK system and has the financial strength and resources necessary to make expenditures and investments required to maintain TUK's systems.

9. TUK's sewer CCN is among the assets Seven Springs would acquire under the Sale Agreement. Seven Springs therefore requests the Commission approve the transfer of that CCN as part of the transaction. Alternatively, should the Commission choose not to approve such a transfer, Seven Springs requests a new sewer CCN be issued authorizing it to own, install, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain the systems it proposes to acquire from TUK.

10. If the Commission grants the approvals and authority requested in this application, Seven Springs proposes to adopt and continue TUK's existing sewer rates and tariffs.

11. Because Seven Springs proposes to acquire all or substantially all of TUK's sewer assets, and also because Seven Springs proposes to continue TUK's rates and tariffs, the transaction proposed for approval in this case should not have any material effect on the tax revenues of any political subdivision where TUK's sewer system is located.

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MOTION FOR WAIVER

12. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) requires "[a]ny person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case." Because it did not file such a notice within the time period prescribed by that rule, TUK seeks a waiver of the 60-day pre-filing notice requirement.

13. Under 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D), a waiver of the pre-filing notice requirement may be granted for good cause. In this regard, Applicants declare, as verified below, that within the 150 days prior to this application neither TUK nor Seven Springs has had communication with the Office of the Commission (as defined in 20 CSR 4240-4.015(10)) regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case. Good cause for the requested waiver exists in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) ("Good cause for waiver may include, among other things, a verified declaration from the filing party that it has had no communication with the office of the commission within the prior one hundred fifty (150) days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the case"

14. Therefore, as authorized by 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D), TUK and Seven Springs move the Commission for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) and acceptance of this application at this time.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons previously stated, TUK and Seven Springs respectfully requests the Commission issue an order: Authorizing TUK to sell, and Seven Springs to acquire, the sewer system currently owned by TUK; authorizing the transfer to Seven Springs of TUK's existing CCN or, in the alternative, issuing a new CCN so Seven Springs may lawfully own, install, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain a sewer system for the public within the area for which TUK currently holds a CCN; granting the motion for a waiver of the 60-day prefiling notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1); and granting TUK and Seven Springs such further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR TUK, LLC AND SEVEN SPRINGS SEWER & WATER LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on November 10, 2021, to the following:

Office of the General Counsel Governor Office Building Jefferson City, MO 65101 <u>staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov</u> Office of the Public Counsel Governor Office Building Jefferson City, MO 65101 opcservice@opc.mo.gov

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AFFIDAVIT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)) ss County of Worcester)

I, Louis W. Mountzoures, having been duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Manager of TUK, LLC (TUK), that I am duly authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of TUK, and that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application and appendices thereto are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief. Additionally, no representative of TUK has had any communication with the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission as defined in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.015(10), within the immediately preceding 150 days regarding the subject matter of this Application.

Louis W. Mountzoures, Manager TUK, LLC

Subscribed and sworn before me this 9th day of November, 2021

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My Commission Expires:



VICTORIA A. BELANGER NOTARY PUBLIC Commonwealth of Massachusetts My Commission Expires September 11, 2026

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State of <u>MO</u>) ss County of <u>SHOUS</u>

I, Lawrence E. Harrison, Jr., having been duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Manager of Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC (Seven Springs), that I am duly authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of Seven Springs, and that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application and appendices thereto are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief. Additionally, no representative of Seven Springs has had any communication with the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission as defined in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.015(10), within the immediately preceding 150 days regarding the subject matter of this Application.

Subscribed and sworn before me this $\underline{9}$ day of November, 2021

BECKY ZAJAC My Commission Expires September 19, 2024 St. Louis County Commission #12396464

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



John R. Ashcroft Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, JOHN R. ASHCROFT, Secretary of State of the STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

TUK LLC LC1351638

was created under the laws of this State on the 25th day of October, 2013, and is active, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 8th day of November, 2021.

Certification Number: CERT-11082021-0082





John R. Ashcroft Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, JOHN R. ASHCROFT, Secretary of State of the STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC LC014331063

was created under the laws of this State on the 26th day of October, 2021, and is active, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 8th day of November, 2021.

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APPENDIX C

APPENDIX C HAS BEEN MARKED CONFIDENTIAL IN ITS ENTIRETY

20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)(3) and (6)

APPENDIX D

VERIFICATION OF AUTHORITY

COMES NOW the undersigned, the Manager of TUK, LLC (TUK), and does hereby verify that TUK had, and has, the requisite authority to enter into the Contract for Purchase and Sale, dated November 2, 2021, by and between TUK and Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC (the "Agreement") and to carry out all the obligations contained in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereto set his hand the 9th day of November, 2021.

Louis W. Mountzoures, Manager TUK, LLC

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Worcester

On this 9th day of November, 2021, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Louis W. Mountzoures, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

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My Commission Expires:



VICTORIA A. BELANGER NOTARY PUBLIC Commonwealth of Massachusetts My Commission Expires September 11, 2026

APPENDIX E

VERIFICATION OF AUTHORITY

COMES NOW the undersigned, the Manager of Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC (Seven Springs), and does hereby verify that Seven Springs had, and has, the requisite authority to enter into the Contract for Purchase and Sale, dated November 2, 2021, by and between Seven Springs Sewer & Water LLC and TUK, LLC (the "Agreement") and to carry out all the obligations contained in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereto set his hand the $\underline{9}$ day of November, 2021.

Lawrence E. Harrison, Jr., Manager SEVEN SPRINGS SEWER & WATER LLC

State of \underline{MO}) County of $\underline{S+Louis}$ ss

On this $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ day of November, 2021, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Lawrence E. Harrison, Jr., to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

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My Commission Expires:

9-19-24



BECKY ZAJAC My Commission Expires September 19, 2024 St. Louis County Commission #12396464