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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary of the Missouri  
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Governor Office Building  
200 Madison Street  
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RE: Middlefork Water Company – Filing Annual Report  
Case No. WE-2004-0541

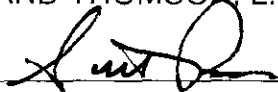
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find Middlefork Water Company's Explanation in Regard to Filing. Please let me know if anything further is required. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Request of )  
Middlefork Water Company for )  
an Extension of Time for Filing the )  
Annual Report Due April 15, 2004 )

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**EXPLANATION IN REGARD TO FILING**

COMES NOW Middlefork Water Company ("Company"), by its attorney, pursuant to the Order Directing Filing entered by the Commission on September 1, 2004, states:

1. Company did not file its annual report by the extended May 15, 2004, deadline because the Certified Public Accountant for the Company had not finished his audit of the Company by then.

2. Company did not file a pleading informing the Commission that the annual report had been filed because Company and its counsel inadvertently overlooked the necessity of filing such a pleading.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

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