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

In the Matter of Mid MO Sanitation	)
LLC's Request for a Sewer Rate	) <u>Case No. SR-2021-037</u>
Increase	)

## **MOTION FOR WAIVER OF RULE**

**COMES NOW**, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and requests the Commission issue an order waiving Rule 20 CSR 4240-01.075(11)(A) for good cause pursuant to Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(15), granting Staff until Friday, October 29, 2021, to file a disposition agreement or motion for evidentiary hearing in this case. In support, Staff states the following:

- 1. Under Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(11)(A), Staff is to file no later than 150 days after a small utility rate case is opened a disposition agreement or a motion to proceed to evidentiary hearing stating that agreements cannot be reached. If agreements cannot be reached, the case proceeds to hearing with the case to be submitted not later than 240 days after the case is opened.
- 2. Any part of the rule may be waived for good cause under Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(15).
- 3. The parties are currently in settlement negotiations and Staff anticipates being able to obtain final signatures and documentation to support at least a non-unanimous disposition agreement no later than Friday, October 29, 2021.
- 4. If unable to file a disposition agreement on Friday, October 29, 2021, Staff intends to file on that date a motion to proceed to evidentiary hearing with a proposed procedural schedule that would provide for submission of the case to the Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-10.075(5)(A), the timeline for this case has been extended thirty (30) days.

for decision no later than 240 days after the case has been filed consistent with Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(13).

- 5. Accordingly, Staff believes there is good cause under 20 CSR 4240-10.075(15) to waive the requirement under 20 CSR 4240-10.075(11)(A) that Staff file a disposition agreement or motion to proceed to evidentiary hearing.
- 6. Staff has consulted with counsel for Mid-MO who indicates no objection to this motion for waiver.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order waiving Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(A), and granting Staff until Friday, October 29, 2021, to file a disposition agreement or motion for evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 20th day of October, 2021, to all parties and/or counsels of records.

<u>/s/ Curt Stokes</u> Curt Stokes