OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Lake Region Water & Sewer)	
Company's Annual Report)	Case No. WE-2005-0342

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT OUT OF TIME

Syllabus: This order grants Lake Region Water & Sewer Company an extension of time in which to file its annual report.

On April 1, 2005, Lake Region asked the Commission for extra time in which to file its 2004 Annual Report. Lake Region alleged it could not meet the April 15 deadline because Lake Region came under common management with Ozark Shores Water in October, 2004. Prior to October, Lake Region's books had not been audited for several years. Lake Region asks for additional time to complete an audit, and asks that the Commission allow it to file its annual report no later than August 31.

On April 8, the Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation. Staff stated that Lake Region has stated good cause for the extension, and that it does not object to Lake Region's request.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.640(1) requires water companies to file annual reports by April 15. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.015 directs an applicant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 for the Commission's pleading requirements for a rule waiver.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) states that the applicant must state good cause for the rule waiver. The Commission finds that Lake Region has done so, and that good cause exists to permit Lake Region to file its annual report out of time. Therefore, the Commission will grant leave to file the annual report out of time. The Commission will order Lake Region to file its annual report by August 31.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That Lake Region Water & Sewer Company is granted an extension of time until August 31, 2005, in which to file its 2004 Annual Report.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on April 12, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of April, 2005.