

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

In the Matter of the Application of Ozark Shores)	
Water Company for an Extension of Time)	<u>Case No. WE-2012-0312</u>
Within Which to File its 2011 Annual Report)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through its attorney and, for its Staff Recommendation, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows.

1. On April 3, 2012, the Commission issued *Order Granting Extension of Time to File Annual Report*, extending the time for Ozark Shores Water Company (Company) to file its 2011 annual report until July 31, 2012.

2. On July 18, 2012, the Company filed a Second Request for an Extension, asking up to and including August 15, 2012, to file its Annual Report regarding its utility service.

3. In support of its request, the Company stated that its auditors experienced unanticipated delays in their review of essential data and need additional time to complete the audit.

4. On July 27, 2012, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation concerning the request for extension by no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 31, 2012. This filing complies with that order.

5. Section 393.140 (6), RSMo 2000, requires that every corporation under the supervision of the Commission shall file an annual report. Additionally, 4 CSR 240-3.335 and 3.640, provide that sewer companies and water companies, respectively, must submit an annual report by April 15 of each year.

6. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.015 provides that a rule may be waived by the Commission for good cause.

7. Upon reviewing the Company's requests, Staff concludes that the Company has demonstrated good cause for the granting of a second extension of the time to file its annual report regarding utility service since the auditors did not anticipate additional delay and Staff prefers accurate information to be included in the Annual Reports. However, Staff notes that it is also important that Staff has access to this information at the earliest time possible in order to be able to timely review and utilize the information for internal purposes. Staff anticipates this being finalized by August 15, 2012, as that will be four months past the time prescribed by Commission Rule.

8. Staff notes that the Company's Application complies with the requirements of Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 (1).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report and further requests the Commission to grant the extension of time to file its annual report until August 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record on this 31st day of July, 2012.

/s/ Rachel M. Lewis