OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of Middlefork)	
Water Company for an Extension of Time)	Case No. WE-2007-0414
for Filing the Annual Report Due April 15, 2007)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 25, 2007 Effective Date: April 25, 2007

On April 23, 2007, Middlefork Water Company ("Middlefork"), by and through its attorney, filed a pleading requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission extend the time within which it may file its 2006 annual report respecting its regulated water operations to May 15, 2007.¹

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.640(6) states:

A water utility that is unable to meet the submission date established in section (1) of this rule may obtain an extension of up to thirty (30) days for submitting its annual report by:

- (A) Submitting a written request, which states the reason for the extension, to the attention of the secretary of the commission prior to April 15; and
- (B) Certifying that a copy of the written request was sent to all parties of record in pending cases before the commission where the utility's activities are the primary focus of the proceedings.

¹ On the same day, Middlefork sought leave to file its request out of time, which the Commission granted by order dated April 25, 2007. Middlefork also filed an amended pleading on April 25, which is now the subject of this case.

Although the amended request filed by Middlefork on April 25, 2007 meets all of these requirements, the Commission would be aided by a recommendation from its Staff as to whether the extension should be granted and under what conditions, if any. Therefore, the Commission will order Staff to file a recommendation in this case by no later than May 1, 2007.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Staff shall prepare and file, by no later than May 1, 2007, a recommendation regarding Middlefork Water Company's April 25, 2007 amended application to extend the time within which it may file its 2006 annual report respecting its regulated water operations to May 15, 2007.
 - 2. This order shall become effective on April 25, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of April, 2007.