

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

In the Matter of the Application of U.S.)	
Water Company for an Extension of)	<u>Case No. WE-2012-0346</u>
Time Within Which to File its 2011)	
Annual Report.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") its *Staff Recommendation* as follows:

1. On April 19, 2012, U.S. Water Company, ("Company") filed its amended request for an extension, until May 14, 2012, of the time by which it must file its Annual Report regarding its water utility services.

2. In support of its request, the Company stated that it has devoted substantial time to completing the recent sales transaction and that the data necessary to file the annual report had not yet been finalized, and as such, the Company would be unable to meet the April 15 deadline.

3. On April 20, 2012, the Commission ordered the Staff to file its recommendation concerning the request for extension no later than May 1, 2012. This filing complies with that *Order*.

4. 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.

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

6. Upon reviewing the Company's request, Staff concludes that the Company has demonstrated good cause for the granting of an extension of the time, until May 14, 2012, to file its annual report regarding water utility services.

7. Staff notes that the Company's Application does not fully comply with the requirements of Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1).

8. Staff would also note that a Company requesting less than a 30 day extension may do so as a non-case by sending an annual report extension request on company letterhead or by sending the Annual Report Extension Request Form provided on the Commission's website to the Commission's Data Center on or before April 15th.

9. Though the Company is no longer regulated, as a result of its recent sale, Case No. WM-2011-0030, it will be required to file an Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2012 for the period of time it was regulated.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation and further requests an extension until May 14, 2012, for U.S. Water Company to file its Annual Report regarding its water utility services.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 1st day of May, 2012.

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