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RATE INCREASE REQUEST LETTER—WATER SERVICE

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Secretary of the Commission

Missouri Public Service Commission

Attn: Data Center

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Requests for Increases in Annual Water System Operating Revenues

 MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

Dear Secretary:

Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC (the Company) holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services and water supply and distribution services in Taney County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated water utility service on September 5, 2015, effective November 1, 2015. The Company currently provides service to approximately fifty-six (56) water customers within its certificated area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for water service were last changed November 1, 2015.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of a total of one hundred and five thousand four hundred and forty-six dollars and ten cents (\$105,446.10) in its water system operation revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, these increases represent the additional expenses the utility incurred and will be incurring that was over and above the normal expenses of the day to day operation of the water & sewer system at Branson Cedars Resort.

The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase requests, and may thus be subjected to Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for water service include: increases in utility plant investment; unforeseen costs due to equipment system failures; increases in labor associated with the continued operation of the system; and increases in overall operation and maintenance expenses.

Furthermore, the Company requests a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2), requiring notice to be filed with the secretary of the Commission a minimum of sixty days prior to filing a small company utility rate case, because the Company needs to have new rates take effect as soon as possible and the Company cannot wait an additional sixty days to file.

Lastly I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments and the filing of its Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Hyams

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Agent/Member

Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company