

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

In the Matter of the Application of Lake Region)	
Water & Sewer Company for an Extension of)	<u>File No. WE-2014-0272</u>
Time Within Which to File its 2013 Annual Report)	

In the Matter of the Application of Lake Region)	
Water & Sewer Company for an Extension of)	<u>File No. SE-2014-0273</u>
Time Within Which to File its 2013 Annual Report)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its Staff Recommendation states to the Missouri Public Service Commission as follows:

1. On April 7, 2014,¹ Lake Region Water & Sewer Company ("Company") filed an *Application* for its water utility service, as well as its sewer utility service, to request the Commission extend the time for filing its calendar year 2013 annual reports until June 30.

2. On the same date, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation concerning each *Application* request for extension by no later than April 11.

3. As support for its requests, the Company stated in each *Application* that its auditors are working to compile the necessary information to complete the reports, but they are not expected to finish their work in time to meet the April 15 deadline established by the Commission's rules.

4. Section 393.140 (6), RSMo 2000, provides that every water and sewer corporation under the supervision of the Commission shall file an annual report.

¹ All dates herein refer to calendar year 2014 unless otherwise stated.

5. Additionally, Rules 4 CSR 240-3.640 and 3.335 provide that every water and sewer utility, respectively, shall submit an annual report by April 15 of each year. However, Section (7) of those rules allow a water and sewer utility to request an extension of greater than thirty days by filing a pleading prior to April 15:

(7) A water [sewer] utility that is unable to meet the submission date established in section (1) of this rule may request an extension of greater than thirty (30) days for submitting its annual report by:

(A) Filing a pleading, in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2 of 4 CSR 240, which states the reason for and the length of the extension being requested, with the commission prior to April 15; and

(B) Certifying that a copy of the pleading 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.

6. Upon reviewing the Company's requests, Staff recommends the Commission find that each *Application* by the Company has met the filing requirements of Chapter 2, in particular, Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 for applications, and Rules 4 CSR 240-3.640 (7) and 3.335 (7), and that the relief requested in each *Application* is reasonable.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends the Commission issue an order that finds each *Application* of Lake Region Water & Sewer Company meets the requirements of the rules and the relief requested therein is reasonable, and extends the time within which Lake Region Water & Sewer Company shall file its 2013 calendar year annual reports to June 30, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed this 11th day of April, 2014 to all counsel of record in this proceeding.

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