

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

The Staff of the Missouri)	
Public Service Commission,)	
	Complainant,	
v.)	<u>Case No. WC-2007-0042</u>
)	
Mike Ward,)	
	Respondent.	
)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Status Report states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On August 2, 2006, the Staff of the Commission filed a complaint against Mike Ward that alleges that Mr. Ward supplies water to the Stump Hollow Subdivision in Stone County, Missouri without the required certificate of convenience and necessity.

2. Contemporaneously with this case, the Staff sought a restraining order and injunction against the Respondent in the Circuit Court for Stone County, Missouri, enjoining him from disconnecting water services to residential customers. A preliminary injunction was entered in the Circuit Court case effective until March 23, 2007, the date for hearing on Staff's petition for declaratory judgment and permanent injunction.

3. Excepting one single residential customer, the customers being supplied water by Mr. Ward have made other arrangements for water service since the filing of the instant case. The remaining residential customer is financially unable or unwilling to implement alternate means of water supply and continues to be a water customer of Mr. Ward's.

4. The undersigned and Pat Sullivan, attorney for respondent, are engaged in ongoing negotiations regarding the disposition of this Commission case and the State Court case. Both parties agree that a resolution is sought and that further action in the Commission complaint case may not be necessary.

5. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the Staff will file another status report on March 2, 2007.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Status Report for the Commission's information in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ **Steven C. Reed**

Steven C. Reed
Litigation Counsel
Missouri Bar No. 40616

Attorney for the Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
573-751-3015 (telephone)
573-751-9285 (facsimile)
steven.reed@psc.mo.gov (e-mail)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Status Report have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 31st day of January 2007.

/s/ **Steven C. Reed**