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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of ) Stoddard County Sewer Company, Inc., ) **R.D.** Sewer Co., L.L.C. and the Staff of the ) Missouri Public Service Commission for an ) **Order Authorizing Stoddard County Sewer** ) Co., Inc. to Transfer its Assets to R.D. ) Sewer Co., L.L.C., and for an Interim Rate ) Increase.

Case No. SO-2008-0289

## **STAFF'S SECOND** MOTION TO RESCHEDULE EVIDENTIARY HEARING

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits this Second Motion to Reschedule Evidentiary Hearing.

1. On June 9, 2008, upon the request of the Staff, the Commission issued its Order Modifying Procedural Schedule, in which it rescheduled the evidentiary hearing in this case for July 29-30, 2008.

2. The undersigned counsel for Staff has since learned that James A. Merciel, Jr., the Staff's principal witness in this case, will be out of the office, on annual leave, on the said dates, and will not be able to appear then at the hearing. In addition, the Staff did not receive the reports filed by Bonadio & Co., LLP and by Smith & Co. Engineers (the experts retained by the appointed master) until yesterday, July 9. The Staff desires additional time to review and evaluate these reports. The Staff therefore requests that the evidentiary hearing in this case be postponed until August 13, 2008, or as soon thereafter as possible.

3. The Staff further states that OPC attorney Christina Baker, Steve Holden, counsel for Stoddard County Sewer Company, Inc. and R.D. Sewer Co., L.L.C., and Terry Allen, who will enter an appearance on behalf of Stoddard County Sewer Company, Inc. and R.D. Sewer Co, L.L.C, have all informed the Staff that they do not oppose the Staff's request to postpone the hearing.

4. The Staff further notes that, as of the time of filing this motion, no other matters appear on the Commission's calendar for August 13-14, 2008. Mr. Holden, Mr. Allen, and Ms. Baker have informed the undersigned that they do not presently have any conflicts between August 13 and August 22, except that Mr. Allen will not be available on August 21.

**WHEREFORE,** the Staff respectfully moves the Commission for its Order to reschedule the Evidentiary Hearing in this case to August 13-14, 2008, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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 on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger\_