# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc. to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

Case No. WA-2019-0185

## JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, on behalf of itself, Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc. (OUOC), the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), Lake Area Waste Water Association, Inc., Missouri Water Association, Inc., Public Water Supply District No. 5 of Camden County Missouri, Cedar Glen Condominium Owners Association, Inc., and Reflections Condominium Owners Association, Inc., and for its *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* in this matter hereby states:

1. The Commission on June 4, 2019, issued an Order directing the parties to file a status report or alternative pleading no later than June 24, 2019. The parties have met and discussed and now jointly propose the following procedural schedule:

- Discovery
  - With the filing of Direct Testimony the parties agree that in regards to discovery parties shall have three (3) business days to object to any data request and thirteen (13) calendar days to respond. If a deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, the due date will be the next business day thereafter.
- July 11, 2019 Direct Testimony filed
- August 13, 2019 Rebuttal Testimony filed

- September 4, 2019 Surrebuttal Testimony filed
- September 9, 2019 List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Opening Statements and Cross Examination filed
- September 12, 2019 Statements of Position filed
  - o Discovery Cutoff
- September 19-20, 2019 Evidentiary Hearing
- October 3, 2019 Initial Briefs filed
- October 17, 2019 Reply Briefs filed

2. Great Southern Bank ("GSB") had requested bifurcating the proceeding, to separate the process in regard to the Reflections systems, in order to expedite its approval, as the agreement through which the Reflections systems have been proposed to be transferred to OUOC's affiliate, Central States Water Resources, contemplates that the transfer would occur before December 31, **2018**; and the proposed schedule would not allow closing to occur until almost one year after such date. Due to the terms of the agreement, GSB has indicated to the parties that it cannot agree to this Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*; issue an Order setting the dates in agreement with this procedural schedule; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This language was provided verbatim by Great Southern Bank for the purposes of this pleading.

Respectively submitted,

#### <u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, to all counsel of record.

## <u>/s /Whitney Payne</u>