

**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) **Case No. WA-2019-0185**
Sewer Assets and for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and on behalf of itself, Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc., (Osage), 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 their *Joint Status Report*, respectfully states:

1. Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc., filed an *Application and Motion for Waiver* seeking to acquire certain water and sewer assets of Osage Water Company on December 19, 2018. 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., filed timely *Motions to Intervene* which the Commission granted in an order issued January 29, 2019. Reflections Condominium Owners Association, Inc., filed a *Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time* which is presently pending. The Commission scheduled a prehearing conference, which was held February 20, 2019. At that conference the parties determined a proposed course of action for this docket going forward to which all above-referenced parties agree and seek Commission approval.

2. Staff will conduct a full investigation of the *Application* filed by Osage and will compile its filings into a Staff Recommendation to be filed no later than April 30, 2019. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080, all parties will have ten (10) days from the date of filing of Staff's Recommendation to file a response to the Recommendation, stating opposition or approval. The parties will convene at the close of that ten day period to discuss an appropriate course of action and will file a Status Report with the Commission reflecting the proposed course of action for Commission approval.

3. Discovery is to be conducted in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.090 unless the parties reach a unanimous agreement to modify the schedule at some future time for good cause shown and provide notice of such arrangement and good cause in a filing to the Commission. Parties will have 20 days from the date of receipt to respond to a data request (DR) unless it objects or requests an extension within 10 days of receiving the DR. All problems with discovery should be handled in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.090.8 prior to filing a discovery motion with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Status Report*; order Staff to file its Recommendation no later than April 30, 2019; order the parties to file a Status Report following the filing of Staff's Recommendation and the applicable response period; and grant such further and other relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 26th day of February, 2019, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne