

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) )  
LLC and Ozark International, Inc., Concerning )  
an Agreement to Acquire the Assets of Bilyeau )  
Ridge Water Company, LLC Midland Water )  
Company, Inc., Moore Bend Water Utility, )  
LLC, Riverfork Water Company, Taney County )  
Water, LLC And Valley Woods Utility )

**File No. WM-2018-0023**

**MOTION TO LATE-FILE COMMENT**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and files its Motion to Late-file Comment to Staff Recommendation, states as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Commission’s November 8, procedural schedule, comments filed by parties to Staff’s recommendation filed January 5 are due not later than January 15.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(B) provides that where an act is required by order within a specified time Commission, and upon expiration of said specified period, the Commission may permit an act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect or for other good cause shown.

3. Due to the involvement of the requisite Public Counsel personnel in other Commission matters, OPC respectfully requests the Commission’s permission to late-file its comments to Staff’s recommendation. Additionally, these circumstances were compounded by State’s observance of Martin Luther King Day and inclement weather.

4. Since not timely filing the comment, OPC has notified the applicant of its intent to late-file its comments pursuant to the ordered schedule.

5. No party shall be prejudiced by the Commission granting OPC’s motion and accepting its comment to *Staff Recommendation*.

**WHEREFORE**, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Late-File Comment and accept the comment of the Public Counsel.

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 this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

**/s/ Hampton Williams**