

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

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| In the Matter of Name Change Application from |) | |
| Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. to |) | <u>File No. WN-2016-0326</u> |
| Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a |) | <u>Tariff No. YW-2016-0346</u> |
| RDE Water Company |) | |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. On June 1¹, Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc., (“Deffenderfer”) submitted a revised cover page and revised adoption notice for its existing water tariff, along with supporting documentation, seeking to apply the fictitious name “RDE Water Company” to its water tariffs and other filings to be made before the Commission. The proposed tariff sheets bear an effective date of July 1.

2. On June 2, the Commission issued its *Order* directing the Staff to file a Recommendation no later than June 17.

3. On June 17, Staff requested an extension to submit its Recommendation not later than June 21.

4. Staff has examined Deffenderfer’s filing, and in the attached Appendix A recommends the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets, consisting of a revised cover page and an adoption notice, for Deffenderfer’s water tariff, to become effective on July 1. Staff further recommends that the Commission update its listings of water utilities by changing the name “Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc.” to “Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a RDE Water Company”; and order that Deffenderfer

¹ All references to dates occur in the year 2016.

consistently use “RDE Water Company” in any and all future filings with the Commission and communications with customers.

WHEREFORE, Staff supports the revision filed by Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc., and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets, update its listings of water utilities by changing the name “Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc.” to “Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a RDE Water Company”; and further order that Deffenderfer consistently use “RDE Water Company” in any and all future filings with the Commission and communications with customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 21st day of June, 2016.

/s/ Hampton Williams

STAFF'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff takes the position that Deffenderfer's proposal seeking to operate with the fictitious name RDE Water Company is reasonable and is not detrimental to the public interest. Further, Deffenderfer has complied with the filing requirements regarding name change.

Staff therefore recommends the Commission approve the use of the fictitious name and approve the proposed tariff sheets.

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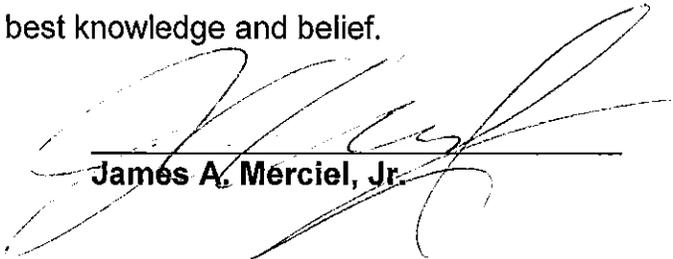
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State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Cole)

COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr. and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Memorandum*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

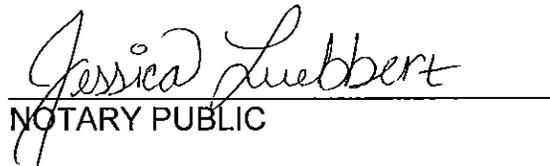


James A. Merciel, Jr.

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 21st day of June, 2016.

JESSICA LUEBBERT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: February 19, 2019
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