

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Valley Woods)	
Water Company, Inc. and Valley Woods Utility, LLC)	File No. WM-2012-0288
For Authority of Valley Woods Water Company, Inc.)	YW-2013-0029
To Sell Certain Assets to Valley Woods Utility, LLC)	YS-2013-0030

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF FILINGS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Filings* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and respectfully states as follows:

1. On March 7, 2012, Valley Woods Water Company, Inc. (“Valley Woods” or “Company”) and Valley Woods Utility, LLC (“VWU”) (jointly, “the Companies”), filed with the Commission an *Application*, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.310 and 4 CSR 240-3.605, in which they seek authority for Valley Woods to sell and transfer certain water utility assets to VWU.

2. On May 9, 2012, the Commission issued an *Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*.

3. On July 11, 2012, VWU filed a *Notice of Closing and Filing of Adopted Tariff and Revised Index* with the Commission and assigned Tracking Nos. YW-2013-0029 and YS-2013-0030, and made substitute filings at Staff’s request.

4. On July 12, 2012, the Commission issued an *Order Establishing a Response Deadline* for Staff to file a recommendation regarding whether the tariff sheets filed by Valley Woods Utility, LLC comply with the Commission’s order approving the transfer of assets. This filing complies with that order.

5. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by VWU and supports approval of those tariffs, as supported by the Affidavit of James. A. Merciel, Jr., attached and incorporated herein by reference herein as Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Filings* for the Commission's information and consideration and requests that the Commission approve the tariffs on file in YW-2013-0029 and YS-2013-0030, and any other relief the Commission deems appropriate and just.

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 16th day of July, 2012.

/s/ Rachel M. Lewis

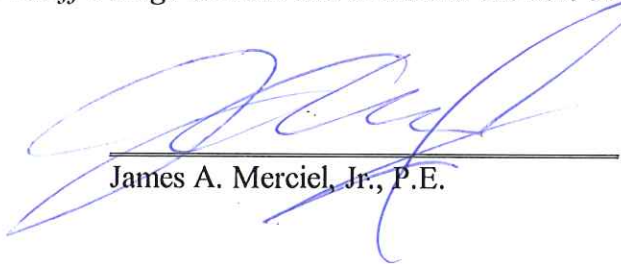
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR., P.E.

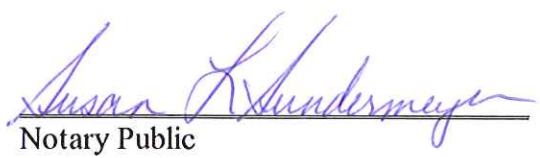
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E., of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is the Utility Regulatory Engineering Supervisor in the Water and Sewer Unit of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing *Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Filings*; (3) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing *Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Filings*; and, (4) that the matters set forth in the foregoing *Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Filings* are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of July 2012.



Notary Public

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Callaway County
My Commission Expires: October 03, 2014
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