

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

Gerald and Joanne Reiersen,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. SC-2005-0083</u>
)	
Kenneth Jaeger and Blue Lagoon Sewer)	
Corp.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO
RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits the following Response to Respondents' Motion for Continuance.

1. On April 11, 2007, Respondents filed their Motion for Continuance, stating that their counsel has hearings set on that date and cannot reschedule them. On April 12, 2007, the Commission issued an order allowing the other parties to respond to the said motion by no later than April 17, 2007.

2. The Staff denies the allegation in Paragraph 1 of Respondents' motion that the Staff chose "the current trial date." In fact, the Commission set the date for the evidentiary hearing in this case.

3. The Staff does not oppose Respondents' Motion for Continuance, so long as the matter is set for hearing at the earliest possible date.

4. Complainants have informed counsel for the Staff that the most suitable date for the hearing is May 18, 2007. The Staff can attend a hearing on that date, and OPC's

attorney has informed the Staff that she is also available on that date. No Commission hearing is presently scheduled on that date.

5. The Staff therefore requests that the evidentiary hearing be continued to May 18, 2007. The Staff believes that the hearing in this case should not require more than a couple of hours, and the Staff therefore requests that the hearing be scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., for the convenience of the Complainants and Respondents, who will be traveling a considerable distance to attend this evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the evidentiary hearing in this case be rescheduled to May 18, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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