

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

The Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission

Complainant,

v.

Missouri Utilities Company,

Respondent.

Case No. WC-2006-0029

SIXTH PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).

1. On August 30, 2005 (unless noted otherwise, all dates herein refer to the year 2005), the Commission issued its **Order Directing Staff To File A Progress Report**, wherein it directed the Staff to file a progress report detailing its efforts to identify a potential interim receiver for Missouri Utilities Company (MU), with that report to be filed no later than September 6.

2. As required by the Commission's August 30 Order, the Staff filed a Progress Report detailing its efforts to identify a potential interim receiver for Missouri Utilities Company (MU) on September 6.

3. As a part of its September 6 Progress Report, the Staff committed to file either a weekly progress report regarding the identification of a potential interim receiver for MU, or a notice advising the Commission that it has no new information to report, with such filings to be made on Tuesday of each week until this matter is resolved.

4. Consistent with the commitment it made in its September 6 Progress Report, the Staff has made weekly update filings in this case.

5. Regarding the identification of a potential receiver for MU, the Staff provides the following additional/updated information. On December 6, Jim Merciel and Dale Johansen of the Commission's Water & Sewer Department discussed this matter with the individual identified in the Staff's Fifth Progress Report as someone that would possibly be willing to act as the interim receiver for MU. While that individual has not yet made a final decision regarding this matter, he did say he is still considering serving as the interim receiver for MU and requested that the Staff provide him some additional information regarding this matter in general and a list of possible contract operators in particular. The requested information will be provided to the potential interim receiver by the end of business on December 7.

6. In addition to the above information regarding the identity of an interim receiver, the Staff notes that on December 5 Mr. Johansen sent an e-mail message to a representative of Aqua Missouri, Inc. inquiring, again, about that company's possible interest in taking over ownership of MU's water and sewer systems. However, Mr. Johansen has not yet received a reply from Aqua Missouri's representative regarding this matter.

7. The Staff again notes that it will continue to file weekly progress reports, or will advise the Commission that additional information is not available and that a progress report will thus not be filed for a given week.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Sixth Progress Report for the Commission's information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Sixth Progress Report have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically served to all counsel and/or parties of record this 6th day of December 2005.

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