

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

In the Matter of the Application of Indian Hills Utility)
Operating Company, Inc., to Acquire Certain Water)
Assets of I.H. Utilities, Inc., and in Connection)
therewith, Issue Indebtedness and Encumber)
Assets.)

Case No. WO-2016-0045

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Sheets* states the following:

1. On February 3, 2016 the Commission issued its *Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Issuance of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* (Order) in this case, which became effective on March 4, 2016, and in which it approved the transfer of assets to Indian Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Indian Hills) and granted Indian Hills a certificate of convenience and necessity and authority to provide service in the Indian Hills subdivision near Cuba, Missouri. As a part of its Order, the Commission authorized and directed Indian Hills to file tariff sheets consistent with the Order, which reflect the adoption if I.H. Utilities, Inc.'s existing rules, rates, and service charges.

2. On April 11, 2016, Indian Hills submitted tariff sheets intended to comply with the above-referenced Commission Order, and the filing was assigned number YW-2016-0261 by the Commission's electronic filing system. The subject tariff sheets bore an issue date of April 11, 2016, and an effective date of May 11, 2016.

3. The Staff has reviewed Indian Hills' tariff filing, and states to the Commission that it believes the subject tariff sheets are in compliance with the above-

referenced Commission Order. Jim Merciel of the Commission's Water & Sewer Department performed the review of the subject tariff sheets on behalf of the Staff.

4. Based upon the above, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets to be effective for service rendered on and after May 11, 2016:

P.S.C. MO No. 3, 1st Revised Sheet No. Title Page canceling Original Sheet No. Title Page
P.S.C. MO No. 3, Original Sheet No. Adoption Notice.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the above-referenced tariff sheets, consistent with the Staff's recommendations presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 12th day of April, 2016.

/s/ Marcella L. Mueth

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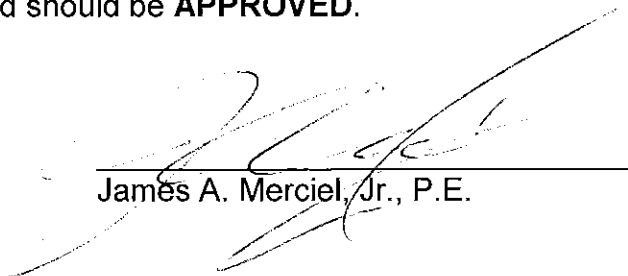
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR., P.E.

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of Cole)

COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E., and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he/she is a member of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; that through education, training and experience, he is an authority on tariffs of public utilities; and that he/she has examined the proposed tariff sheets at issue herein and concludes that the same are compliant with the order of the Commission and are otherwise lawful and should be **APPROVED**.

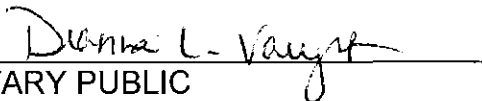
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



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

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 11th day of April, 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: June 28, 2019