

**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

SIXTEENTH PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Sixteenth Progress Report states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On August 30, 2005, the Commission issued its **Order Directing Staff To File A Progress Report**, ("08/30/05 Order") 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, 2005.

2. As required by the Commission's 08/30/05 Order, the Staff filed a Progress Report detailing its efforts to identify a potential interim receiver for MU on September 6, 2005 ("09/06/05 Progress Report").

3. As a part of its 09/06/05 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 09/06/05 Progress Report, the Staff has made weekly update filings in this case.

5. As an update to the information provided in its Fifteenth Status Report, the Staff notes that the meeting between the Staff, Robert Meyer and the potential contract operator, which was discussed in Paragraph 5 of that report, is now tentatively scheduled to be held on March 29, subject to confirmation of the contract operator's availability.

6. Regarding Mr. Meyer's planned contact with the owner of MU, Pat Mitchell, regarding the transfer of necessary information from Mr. Mitchell to Mr. Meyer, which was discussed in Paragraph 6 of its Fifteenth Progress Report, the Staff notes that Mr. Meyer has not yet contacted Mr. Mitchell about this matter. The Staff will obtain additional information regarding this matter for inclusion in its next report, or its recommendation. (See Paragraphs 7 and 8 for information regarding the filing of the Staff's recommendation or additional reports).

7. The Staff again notes that it will file a recommendation to the Commission pertaining to the appointment of Mr. Meyer as the interim receiver as soon as possible after the meeting between the Staff, Mr. Meyer and the contract operator is held and the arrangements for the interim receivership and the contract operation are finalized.

8. The Staff will continue to file weekly progress reports in this case, or will advise the Commission that additional information is not available and that it will thus not be filing a progress report for a given week. Unless ordered otherwise, the Staff will make these filings on Friday of each week until it files its recommendation.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Sixteenth Progress Report for the Commission's information and consideration in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Sixteenth Progress Report have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 24th day of March 2006.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger