

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

The Staff of the Missouri	)	
Public Service Commission	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	<b><u>Case No. WC-2006-0029</u></b>
v.	)	
	)	
Missouri Utilities Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NINTH PROGRESS REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its Ninth 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 Missouri Utilities Company (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. Regarding the identification of a potential receiver for MU, the Staff provides the following additional/updated information. On January 17, 2006, Jim Merciel of the Commission's Water & Sewer Department discussed this matter with an individual identified in prior Staff reports as someone that might be willing to act as the interim receiver for MU. While that individual has not yet made a final decision regarding this matter, he is still considering serving as the interim receiver for MU. As previously reported, this individual has contacted two contract operators about giving him estimates for operating MU's water and sewer systems. However, this individual has not yet been able to meet with the contract operator that has expressed an interest in operating MU's systems to discuss the details of the operator's estimate for operating the systems, but hopes to be able to do so soon.

6. The Staff will attempt to have follow-up discussions with the above-referenced potential interim receiver on or before January 24, 2006 to see whether he has made a decision 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 Ninth 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 Ninth 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 18th day of January 2006.

**/s/ Keith R. Krueger**