

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

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

TENTH PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its Tenth 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 25, 2006, Kevin Thompson, Keith Krueger and Dale Johansen discussed this matter with Mr. Gary Cover, the court-appointed receiver for Osage Water Company, to see if he would possibly be willing to act as the receiver for MU. During that discussion, Mr. Cover stated that he would be willing to do so, contingent on a local operator being available to operate the systems for a contract price that would be reasonable within the context of the available operating revenues.

6. As previously reported, an individual that the Staff has had discussions with about acting as the interim receiver for MU has contacted two contract operators about giving him estimates for operating MU's water and sewer systems. However, that individual has not yet been able to meet with the contract operator that has expressed the most interest in operating MU's systems to discuss the details of that operator's estimate for operating the systems.

7. In light of Mr. Cover's expressed willingness to act as the receiver for MU, contingent on a local operator being available at a reasonable contract price, the Staff will be contacting the contract operator that has expressed the most interest in operating MU's systems to discuss the details of that operator's estimate for operating MU's systems. Subsequent to that discussion, the Staff will further discuss this situation with Mr. Cover.

8. The Staff 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 not be filed for a given week.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Tenth 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 Tenth 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 31st day of January 2006.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger