

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Brandco Investments, LLC and Hillcrest)
Utility Operating Company, Inc., for Hillcrest)
to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets)
of Brandco and, In Connection Therewith,)
Issue Indebtedness and Encumber Assets)

File No. WO-2014-0340

MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STAFF’S REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Motion for Further Extension of Time to File Staff Report*, states as follows:

1. On May 13, Applicants, Brandco Investments, LLC ("Brandco") and Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc., ("Hillcrest") filed their *Joint Application and, If Necessary, Motion for Waiver*. Applicants requested that the Commission approve Hillcrest’s agreement to purchase Brandco’s water and sewer assets. Hillcrest would partially finance the purchase via debt that would encumber those assets, and also asks the Commission to approve the same. Finally, Hillcrest wishes to become regulated by the Commission, and, thus, also wishes for the Commission to grant it a certificate of convenience and necessity to own and operate those water and sewer assets.

2. On June 5, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* directing Staff to file its recommendation, or in the alternative a status report no later than July 7.

3. On July 7, Staff filed its Status Report and Motion for Consolidation requesting Staff have until August 5 to file its recommendation, or in the alternative a status report. The Commission granted Staff’s request on July 17.

4. On August 4, 2014, Staff sought an extension of time to file its recommendation, which the Commission granted on August 12, 2014, directing Staff to file its recommendation no later than August 19, 2014.

5. Now, Staff seeks another extension, up to and including August 26, 2014. In support of its prior extension request, Staff stated: "Staff continues its investigation related to this application; however, due to the unique nature of the financial transaction and the need for significant capital investment in both the water and sewer system Staff is in the process of including a preliminary rate feasibility study into its recommendation and requires more time to complete its recommendation." That reason still exists; additionally, the Financial Analysis unit has committed significant resources to the litigation of Case No. GR-2014-0086, and so the press of other work requires this extension.

6. Staff has been unable to contact the other parties in the case.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will grant the requested extension of time and such other and further relief as is just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served to all counsel of record by hand delivery, electronic mail or First Class United States Mail this 19th day of August, 2014.

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