

In the Matter of House Springs Sewer)
Sewer Company, Inc Rate Increase Request) **SR-2012-0399**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and on behalf of House Springs Sewer Company, Inc. (House Springs or Company), and files this *Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request (Notice)* and states the following:

1. On May 30, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) received a Rate Increase Request Letter (Request) from House Springs.
2. Upon completion of its investigation of the Company's request, Staff provided House Springs and Public Counsel with materials related to Staff's investigation, as well as the Staff's initial recommendation for the resolution of the Request.
3. Subsequent to the Staff's investigation and pursuant to negotiations between Staff and the Company, the Staff and the Company have been able to reach a *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition Of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request (Company/Staff Agreement)*, attached hereto as Appendix A, and incorporated by reference herein.
4. Included in Appendix A is a copy of the above-referenced *Staff/Company Agreement*, as well as various other attachments related to the *Staff/Company*

Agreement. Additionally, Appendix A contains affidavits from Staff members that participated in the investigation of this matter.

5. The *Company/Staff Agreement* provides for an increase of \$143,929 in operating revenues.

6. In addition, the *Company/Staff Agreement* provides the agreed-upon net rate base of \$230,847 in the Company's operating system.

7. Pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 (14), "[i]f the disposition agreement filed by the staff provides for a full resolution of the utility's request and is executed only by the utility and the staff, the utility shall file new and/or revised tariff sheets, bearing an effective date that is not fewer than forty-five (45) days after they are filed, to implement the agreement." House Springs will file a tariff, seeking to implement the terms of the *Company/Staff Agreement*. The tariff shall bear an effective date of December 17, 2012, in compliance with Rule 4 CSR 240.3050 (14).

8. House Springs is currently making payments on the Commission's Assessment for fiscal year 2011, and has not made any payments to date for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. It is current on the filing of its Annual Reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this *Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* and the attached Appendix A for the Commission's information and consideration in this case and requests that the Commission enter an Order adopting the terms agreed upon by House Springs and Staff and contained herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

**STAFF OF THE MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of October, 2012.

/s/ Rachel M. Lewis