

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

In the Matter of Argyle Estates Water)
Supply's Request for a Water Rate Increase)

File No. WR-2022-0345

JOINT RESPONSE REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and on behalf of itself and the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), states the following:

1. On June 13, 2022, Argyle Estates Water Supply (“Argyle Estates”) initiated a rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in which it requested an increase of \$6,000 in its annual water system operating revenues.

2. On June 21, 2022, Staff filed a *Rate Case Timeline* specifying due dates for the activities required by the Commission’s Staff Assisted Rate Case Procedure.¹

3. On June 23, 2022, the Commission filed its *Order Directing Responses Regarding Local Public Hearing*, ordering the parties to suggest dates and locations for a local public hearing no later than June 28, 2022.

4. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(6) Staff’s *Rate Case Timeline* included a local public hearing scheduled to occur no later than sixty days after the opening of the cases. Considering the limited schedules of Staff, OPC, Argyle Estates, and the Commission together, Staff and OPC recommend that the Commission approve July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of the local public hearing.

¹ 20 CSR 4240-10.075.

5. Staff and OPC agree that an in-person public hearing would be the best option in this case.

6. Staff and OPC recommend the Scenic Regional Library at 251 Union Plaza Dr., Union, MO 63084.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Recommendation Regarding Local Public Hearings* and requests the Commission issue an order that is consistent with the recommendations contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered to the parties and/or their counsel of record by U.S. Postal Service postage prepaid, or by hand, or served electronically, on this 28th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Casi Aslin