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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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RE: *Highway H Utilities, Inc.*
Case No. WA-2004-0588, et al.

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

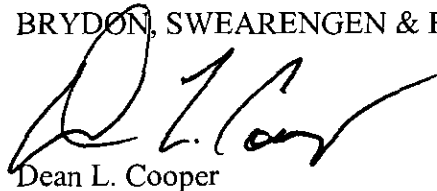
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Highway H. Utilities, Inc. are the original and eight (8) copies of its Response to Staff Recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:



Dean L. Cooper

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Enclosures

cc: Mary E. Weston, Office of the General Counsel
Ruth O'Neill, Office of the Public Counsel

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3. Highway H would also like to take this opportunity to correct a statement reflected

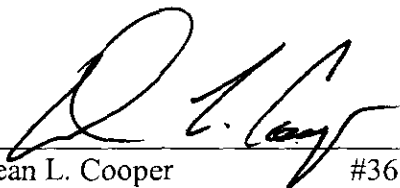
in the Staff Recommendation. On page 3 of the Official Case File Memorandum, it is said that "Mr. Jerry Laughlin, who is a developer and businessman in the area, owns the Company." Mr. Laughlin is a developer and businessman in the area, and is the long time manager of Highway H. However, the shares of Highway H are owned by Four J Land and Cattle Company. Four J is in turn owned by several of Mr. Laughlin's family members.

WHEREFORE, Highway H Utilities, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order:

(a) Granting Highway H Utilities, Inc. permission, approval and a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain water and sewer systems for the public in an unincorporated area of Pulaski County, Missouri, as is more particularly described in the Application, subject to the conditions identified by the Commission Staff; and,

(b) Granting such further relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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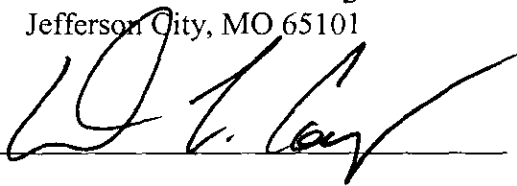
ATTORNEYS FOR HIGHWAY H UTILITIES, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered or sent by electronic mail, on August 26, 2004, to the following:

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A handwritten signature, appearing to be "L. J. Gay", is written over a horizontal line.