BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Lincoln County Sewer) & Water, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience) and Necessity Authorizing it t to Own, Operate,) Maintain, Control and Manage Water and) Sewer Systems in Lincoln County, Missouri)

File No. WA-2012-0018 SA-2012-0019

JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and submits the following *Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule*:

1. On July 19, 2011, Lincoln County Sewer & Water (LCSW) filed an *Application* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to own, operate, maintain, control and manage water systems in Lincoln County, Missouri. Concurrently, LCSW filed an *Application* with the Commission seeking a CCN to own, operate, maintain, control and manage sewer systems in Lincoln County, Missouri. The two applications were consolidated under the present case, File No. WA-2012-0018, on August 3, 2011.

2. On February 10, 2012, Staff filed its *Recommendation to Approve Applications*, and on March 22, 2012, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and LCSW filed their responses to Staff's *Recommendation*.

3. On April 16, 2012 and April 30, 2012, the parties filed status reports stating they were in discussions and hoped to come to a mutual resolution of the issues. However, the parties have been unable to come to an agreement and no longer expect to do so.

4. Therefore, Staff proposes the following Procedural Schedule:

| Prehearing Conference | - | May 22, 2012 |
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| Unanimous Partial Stipulation Filed | - | June 1, 2012 |
| Simultaneous Direct Testimony | - | June 8, 2012 |
| Discovery Deadline (Answers Provided by) | - | June 19, 2012 |
| Rebuttal Testimony | - | July 17, 2012 |
| Issues List, Witness List, Order of Witnesses, Cross-Exam, and Opening Statements | - | August 8, 2012 |
| Joint Stipulation of Undisputed Facts | - | August 10, 2012 |
| Hearing (though parties expect only one day is neces | - ssary) | August 16-17, 2012 |

5. OPC and LCSW have represented to Staff Counsel that they are in agreement with this proposed schedule.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule* on behalf of Staff, OPC, and LCSW for the Commission's information and consideration and respectfully requests the Commission issue an order establishing a procedural schedule for this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 15th day of May, 2012.

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