

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

In the Matter of Lincoln County Sewer &)	
Water, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience)	<u>Case Nos. WA-2012-0018</u>
and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate,)	SA-2012-0019
Maintain, Control and Manage Water Systems)	
in Lincoln County, Missouri.)	

**STAFF’S STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTED DATE TO FILE RESPONSE OR
RECOMMENDATION TO THE APPLICATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Staff’s Status Report and Requested Date to File Response or Recommendation to the Application (Status Report)* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), respectfully stating the following:

1. On July 19, 2011, Lincoln County Sewer and Water, LLC (Lincoln County) filed with the Commission an *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate, Maintain, Control and Manage Water Systems in Lincoln County, Missouri (Application)*.

2. On August 25, 2011, the Commission held a local public hearing which many people attended and raised various issues of interest to the Commission.

3. On August 30, 2011, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Status Report (Order)* directing Staff to file a status report on a number of issues that were raised at the local public hearing and the Commission’s public agenda on August 30, 2011. This filing is in compliance with that *Order*.

4. Staff has identified those issues as follows:

- a) Meter installation (and its potential cost to Customers),
- b) Water system capacity (each of the two involved systems),

- c) Rates and costs,
- d) Customer identification and privacy issues with records kept by this potential utility company owner and affiliated entities,
- e) Emergency response capability by Lincoln County's owner, employees, or contractors,
- f) Requirement to transfer the sewer system to the homeowner's association, and the authority to transfer the sewer system to some other entity,
- g) Water quality (discoloration, odors and corrosion), and
- h) Business Continuity Plan.

5. Staff reports to the Commission that it continues to look into these issues and the complexities involved with each of them. To date, Staff's investigation includes submitting data requests to the Company and site visits to the facility with a water quality specialist from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as well as visits with certain customers who testified at the local public hearing.

6. However, Staff has experienced great difficulty speaking to Company representatives, setting meetings with pertinent Company staff and getting answers to Staff's questions and data requests. Staff is actively attempting to resolve any communication issues. Due to this lack of cooperation, Staff does not anticipate having a recommendation until February 10, 2012, which is approximately one hundred and fifty (150) days from the date of this filing.

7. Staff may be able to provide the Commission with a recommendation earlier than February 10, 2012, if it receives cooperation from Lincoln County.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration and further respectfully requests permission to file any recommendation or response to the *Application* no later than February 10, 2012.

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 29th day of September, 2011.

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