BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Raytown Water Company's Request for Annual Operating Revenue Increase File No. WR-2020-0264 Tracking No. YW-2021-0022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AND REJECT TARIFF SHEETS

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve and Reject Tariff Sheets* respectfully states:

1. Raytown Water Company ("Raytown"), Staff, and the Office of the Public

Counsel ("OPC") filed a Unanimous Disposition Agreement ("Agreement") in this matter

on August 4, 2020.

2. Raytown filed seven revised tariff sheets on August 10, 2020. The Commission ordered Staff to review these proposed tariffs and provide a recommendation no later than August 18, 2020.

3. The following three sheets filed by Raytown were not discussed during the course of this matter, and did not comply with the Agreement:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Original Sheet No. 8A Second Revised Sheet No. 10, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 10 First Revised Sheet No. 14, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14

4. Original Sheet 8A details Company liability issues, which were not discussed with Staff prior to filing, and is not contemplated by the Agreement.

5. Second Revised Sheet No. 10, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 10 included an item to Special Provisions that stated "Customer is responsible for

maintenance/repair of fire service line." This item was also not discussed with Staff prior to Raytown's filing, and is not contemplated by the Agreement.

6. Of particular concern, however, is a unilateral change made by Raytown concerning the service connection fee for 5/8" service taps found on First Revised Sheet No. 14, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14. Raytown's filing triples the current fee, from \$1,000 to \$3,000. No discussion of this increase amongst the parties took place prior to Raytown's filing, and is not contemplated by the Agreement.

7. Because the above-listed sheets were not discussed prior to Raytown's filing on August 10, 2020, and thus are not in compliance with the Agreement, Staff recommends that the Commission reject the above-listed sheets.

8. Staff has reviewed the remaining tariff sheets, and determined that they are in compliance with the Agreement:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 9, Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 9 Second Revised Sheet No. 11, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 11 Second Revised Sheet No. 35, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 35 Second Revised Sheet No. 36, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 36

9. Staff recommends the Commission approve the above four tariff sheets as complying with the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission APPROVE Fourth Revised Sheet 9, Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 9; Second Revised Sheet No. 11, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 11; Second Revised Sheet No. 35, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 35; and Second Revised Sheet No. 36, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 36, bearing an effective date of September 8, 2020; **REJECT** Original Sheet 8A; Second Revised Sheet No. 10, Cancelling First Revised Sheet No. 10; and First Revised Sheet No 14, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 14; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just under the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>/s/ Travis J. Pringle</u>

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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 parties and/or their counsel of record this 18th day of August, 2020.

<u>/s/ Travis J. Pringle</u>

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Case No. WR-2020-0264

AFFIDAVIT OF JARROD J. ROBERTSON

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
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COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW Jarrod J. Robertson, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve and Reject Tariff Sheets;* and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

<u>/s/ Jarrod J. Robertson</u> Jarrod J. Robertson