

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

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In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of)
Aqua Missouri, Inc. to Implement a)
Rate Increase for Water Service)
Provided to Customers in its Missouri)
Service Areas.)

Case No. WR-2007-0020
Tariff No. JW-2007-0014

Missouri Public
Service Commission

**RESPONSE TO STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC
COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

COME NOW Aqua Missouri, Inc., by and through counsel, and for its response to Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation and Office of Public Counsel's Request for Extension states the following:

1. The Staff of the Public Service Commission and Aqua Missouri reached an agreement and stipulation with respect to a rate increase for water and wastewater service in Missouri. That agreement was then filed with the Public Service Commission and the Office of Public Counsel then requested public hearings on such stipulation and agreement.

2. Based upon the Staff's stipulation and agreement there should be no need for delay to file a recommendation of the proposed Tariff filed in this matter. The Staff and Aqua Missouri have agreed to the proposed rate increase and the Tariff simply reflects those agreements. The issues raised in the public hearing have no application to the Staff's recommendation on stipulation and agreement entered into between the Staff and Aqua Missouri.

3. However, if the Staff has a recommendation other than recommending approval of the Tariff, then Aqua Missouri will need an appropriate amount of time to review such conflicting recommendation and file a response of their own to such recommendation. The two and one-half days proposed by the Staff will not be sufficient for the company to fully review the recommendation

and make a response to such recommendation.

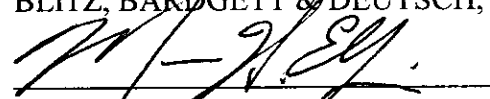
4. All parties agreed to the scheduling of the hearing on the stipulation and settlement for September 21, 2006, during the pre-hearing scheduling call on September 7, 2006.

WHEREFORE, Aqua Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests that the PSC Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation be denied and Staff be required to file its Recommendation no later than September 13 or, in the alternative, that the Staff and Aqua Missouri be given equal time to respond to the Public Service Commission's Staff's Recommendation and no adjustment be given to the existing schedule in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the following parties of record on this 15th day of September, 2006:

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