

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

In the Matter of Gascony Water Company,)
Inc.'s Request for Increase in Annual Water) **File No. WR-2024-0014**
System Operating Revenues)

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through counsel, and files this Recommendations Regarding Local Public Hearing on behalf of itself, Gascony Water Company (“Company” or “Gascony”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) (collectively, “the Parties”). The Parties propose the following suggestions regarding a local public hearing (“LPH”) to be held in this matter.

1. On July 24, 2023, Gascony filed its Request for Rate Increase.
2. While the amount of revenue increase requested is very small at only 5,

Staff is requesting a LPH because no LPH was held in the two previous rate cases¹, and because even small increases will have a measurable impact on rates with very small companies.

3. Staff consulted with Gascony and OPC to determine the most suitable date and place for setting up and conducting a LPH. The parties propose holding the LPH in Hermann, Missouri. The parties recommend the Commission consider the following dates:

- September 5, 2023 (Tuesday) at Noon or 6:00 p.m.²

¹ WR-2017-0343 and WR-2015-0020, although the 2015 case was eventually withdrawn

² All times listed are in local time for Hermann, Missouri, which is Central Standard Time (CST).

- September 6, 2023 (Wednesday) at Noon or 6:00 p.m.
- September 11, 2023 (Monday) at Noon or 6:00 p.m.
- September 12, 2023 (Tuesday) at 6:00 p.m.

4. Staff and OPC prefer that the LPH be held in the evening to maximize opportunity for customers to attend.

WHEREFORE, the Parties file these suggestions for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 1st day of August, 2023.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff