# DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Complainant,	) ) )
V.	) ) <u>File No. WC-2016-0141</u>
Smithview H2O Company, John Kuhle and Kuhle H2O Company,	) ) )
Respondents.	) )

### **STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through undersigned counsel, and for its *Status Report* hereby states:

- 1. On December 8, 2015, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its *Complaint* against Respondents for violating the Commission's statutes and rules related to the filing of annual reports, payment of annual assessments, provision of safe and adequate service, and provision of unauthorized services.
- 2. On April 6, 2016, and again on June 20, 2016, Staff filed *Status Reports* to report on resolution of issues raised in Staff's *Complaint*.
- 3. Staff has been in contact with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and with Central States Water Resources, Inc. (CSWR).
- 4. Regarding Count 1 of the *Complaint*, Respondents have still not submitted their 2014 or 2015 annual reports.

- 5. The status of Count 2 is that Smithview remains past due \$284.40 for the fiscal year 2015 assessment. The PSC assessment for FY 2017 has been paid in full. As mentioned in an earlier status report, this is expected to be resolved in the event of a future sale.
- 6. Regarding Count 3, the contract manager is operating and maintaining the water system, as well as handling business matters. At the present time, and for as long as this management contract is in place, Staff considers the issues behind Count 3 to be resolved.
- 7. With regard to the day-to-day operations and compliance with DNR standards from Count 4, Respondents are largely on track. The system is in compliance with DNR rules, and electric bill payments are being kept current. Meters are being read, customers are being billed, samples are being taken as required, and the system is in compliance with DNR water quality requirements including chlorine residual. CSWR has installed a new chlorinator, and it has returned the borrowed DNR-owned chlorinator.
- 8. Regarding DNR fees from Count 4, Smithview remains past due for lab services and primacy fees, in the amounts of \$452 and \$20, respectively. There are not, as yet, any new fees incurred and owed to DNR. DNR is presently suspending the past due portion, and CSWR is expected to remain current on all future DNR fees.

# WHEREFORE, Staff submits its Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 18th day of October, 2016.

/s/ Marcella L Forck