

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

In the Matter of the Water Rate)	
Increase Request of)	
Hillcrest Utility Operating)	
Company, Inc.)	
)	
Consolidated with,)	<u>Case No. WR-2016-0064</u>
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In the Matter of the Sewer Rate)	
Increase Request of)	
Hillcrest Utility Operating)	
Company, Inc.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* in these matters, hereby states:

1. The Commission on July 12, 2016, issued its *Report and Order* in the above-referenced matters. Hillcrest Utility Operating Company (Company) on July 20, 2016, filed proposed *Replacement Tariffs* to update its existing tariff sheets based on the Commission's *Order*.

2. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and finds them to be compliant with the Commission's *Order*. In support whereof, Staff has attached the Affidavit of Jarrod Robertson to this pleading and incorporates the same herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will approve the proposed tariff sheets; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Whitney Payne

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 27th day of July, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

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AFFIDAVIT OF JARROD ROBERTSON

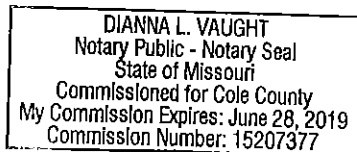
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW, Jarrod Robertson of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is a Utility Policy Analyst 1 in the Water and Sewer Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation; (3) that information in the Staff Recommendation was provided by him; (4) that he has knowledge of matters set forth in the Staff Recommendation; and (5) that such matters set forth in the Staff Recommendation are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Jarrod Robertson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of July, 2016.



Notary Public