

**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.)
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Consolidated with,)
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In the Matter of the Sewer Rate)
Increase Request of)
Hillcrest Utility Operating)
Company, Inc.)

Case No. WR-2016-0064

UPDATED RATE CASE EXPENSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Updated Rate Case Expense* in these matters hereby states:

1. Staff witness Ashley Sarver in her rebuttal testimony filed in this matter stated Staff's agreement to update Hillcrest Utility Operating Company's (Hillcrest) rate case expense for submissions through June 22, 2016, for inclusion in this rate increase request. Hillcrest was tasked with providing Staff with invoices to calculate this updated amount.

2. On June 28, 2016, Hillcrest provided Staff with its invoices reflecting all rate case expense incurred up to June 15, 2016. Staff has attached to this pleading as Attachment A, those invoices provided by Hillcrest, totaling \$14,455 of additional rate case expense. When added to the existing rate case expense, this results in a total of \$27,436.

3. Should the Commission find it proper to update the rate case expense based upon this new information, Staff would recommend normalizing the amount for

inclusion over three years, resulting in an additional amount of rate case expense of \$4,818, with the total amount of rate case expense being \$9,145.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this update as Staff's full and proper accounting; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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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 29th day of June, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne