BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Application of Ozark Meadows, Aqua Development Company, d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc. Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues MPSC Sewer Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures. |)))) | <u>Case No. SR-2010-0023</u> |
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| In the Matter of Aqua RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri Request for Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues MPSC Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase. |))) | <u>Case No. WR-2010-0025</u> |
| In the Matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc. (CU) Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues MPSC Sewer Utility Small Company Rate Increase. |))) | <u>Case No. SR-2010-0026</u> |
| In the Matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc (CU) Request Request for Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues MPSC Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures. |))) | <u>Case No. WR-2010-0027</u> |

STAFF PLEADING IN RESPONSE TO REEDS SPRING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) submits its <u>Staff</u> <u>Pleading in Response to Reeds Spring Local Public Hearing</u> as follows:

1. On February 10, 2010, the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission) conducted a local public hearing in Reeds Spring, Missouri regarding the rate increase request of Aqua Missouri¹.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240.3.050(19) states that "[i]f a local public hearing is

held, the staff shall file a pleading no later than five (5) working days after the hearing indicating

¹ "Aqua Missouri," as used in this pleading, shall collectively refer to Aqua RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua Missouri, Inc., and Aqua Development Company d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc.

whether any material information not previously available was provided at the local public hearing and stating whether that information might result in changes to the utility/staff disposition agreement...".

3. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) Staff hereby states that Staff obtained no material information at the Reeds Spring local public hearing that was not previously available to Staff.

4. As such, Staff obtained no information at the Reeds Spring local public hearing that might result in any changes to the Company/Staff Disposition Agreements entered into in the above-captioned cases.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this pleading for the Commission's information as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 19th day of February, 2010.

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