

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

In the Matter of Rex Deffenderfer)
Enterprises, Inc. Request for a Increase in)
Annual Water System Operating) File No. WR-2011-0056
Revenues

STAFF’S REQUEST TO CANCEL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and respectfully submits the following *Request to Cancel Local Public Hearing and in support of such states as follows:*

1. As stated in its previously filed *Status Report* , Staff, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) and Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises (RDE or Company) have reached a unanimous settlement agreement that resolves all issues in the rate increase request.
2. The Parties plan to file a Unanimous Disposition Agreement with the Commission by March 25, 2011.
3. Currently, a local public hearing is scheduled for March 23, 2011 in Nixa, Missouri.
4. Staff requests that the Commission cancel the local public hearing scheduled for March 23, 2011.
5. In support of its request, Staff asserts that all issues have been resolved by all parties and the customers have had the opportunity to submit public comments, therefore a local public hearing would be unnecessary and not productive or helpful for the customers. Additionally, cancelling the local public hearing would save the limited resources of the Commission Staff and OPC in time, travel and other expenses.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Request to Cancel Local Public Hearing*, currently set for March 23, 2011, to the Commission for its information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been provided, either by first-class mail, by electronic mail, by facsimile transmission or by hand-delivery, to each attorney and/or party of record for this case on this 17th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Samuel D. Ritchie