

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

In the Matter of the Application of a Rate)
Increase of Raytown Water Company.)

Case No. WR-2012-0405

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S POSITION STATEMENT

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Position Statement states as follows:

1. On June 4, 2012, Raytown Water Company (Raytown) initiated a small company rate increase proceeding with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an increase of \$426,951 in its total annual water service operating revenues.
2. On November 1, 2012, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request (Company/Staff Agreement) indicating agreement between Staff and Raytown for an operating revenue increase of \$390,268 (11.90%) per year. Public Counsel did not join in the agreement.
3. Revised tariff sheets reflecting the proposed rates agreed to in the Company/Staff Agreement were filed by Raytown on November 6, 2012.
4. As the Company/Staff Agreement was executed by only Raytown and Staff, 4 CSR 240.3-050(15) requires Public Counsel to file a pleading stating its position regarding the Company/Staff Agreement and the related proposed tariff revisions, or requesting a local public hearing or an evidentiary hearing, no later than five (5) working days after the end of the comment period for the written customer notice contemplated in 4 CSR 240-3.050(14).

5. Public Counsel now states its position that while it may not agree with the Company/Staff Agreement and related tariff revisions, it will not oppose their approval by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Position Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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