

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

In the Matter of Request for Increase in)
Annual System Operating Revenues by Bilyeu)
Ridge Water Company, LLC; Midland Water)
Company, Inc.; Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC;)
Riverfork Water Company; Taney County)
Water, LLC; and Valley Woods Utility, LLC)

File No. WR-2015-0192

STAFF’S REPORT ON LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) respectfully states:

1. On November 19, 2015 the Commission conducted local public hearings in Forsythe, Missouri, and Ozark, Missouri, respectively. Both hearings concerned the rate increase request of six companies — Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC; Midland Water Company, Inc.; Moore Bend Water Utility, L.L.C.; Riverfork Water Company; Taney County Water, L.L.C.; and Valley Woods Utility, L.L.C. (collectively, the “Companies”).

2. Approximately 12 people testified at the Forsythe public hearing and 19 people testified at the Ozark public hearing. The testimony in general opposed the level of the rate increases, and most testimony contained concerns relating to water quality, outages, low water pressure, poor customer service, and DNR issues, including boil advisories and notices.

3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) states that if a local public hearing is held, “the staff shall file a pleading no later than five (5) working days after the hearing indicating 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.

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

5. At this time, Staff is unaware of any information that would result in any change to the disposition agreement entered into in this case between Staff and the Companies.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this pleading for the Commission's information and consideration pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered transmitted or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of November, 2015.

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