# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spokane Highlands Water ) Company Request for an Increase in ) Water System Operating Revenue )

Case No. WR-2015-0104

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and, on behalf of Spokane Highlands Water Company ("Company"), files this *Notice of Staff/Company Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request*, stating:

1. On October 24, 2014, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") received a Rate Increase Request Letter ("Request") from Raymond Ross, President of the Company, setting forth its request for an increase in its total annual water service operating revenues.

2. In its request letter, the Company set forth its request for an increase of \$5,000 in its total annual water service operating revenues pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 ("Small Utility Rate Case Procedure"). The Company provides service to approximately 49 residential customers, located in Christian County, Missouri.

3. Upon completion of Staff's investigation of the Company's Request, Staff provided the Company and the Office of Public Counsel with materials related to Staff's investigation, as well as Staff's initial recommendation for the resolution of the Request.

4. Subsequent to Staff's investigation and pursuant to negotiations between Staff and the Company, Staff and the Company have been able to reach a *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Revenue Increase* 

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*Request* ("*Company/Staff Agreement*"), attached hereto as Appendix A, and incorporated by reference herein.

5. Included in Appendix A is a copy of the above-referenced Company/Staff Agreement, as well as a prescribed schedule of depreciation rates, that reflects the Company's agreement to implement Staff's recommendations. It also includes various other attachments related to the Company/Staff Agreement. Additionally, Appendix A contains affidavits from Staff members that participated in the investigation of this matter.

6. The *Company/Staff Agreement* provides for an increase of 18.48% or \$3,065 in operating revenues for the water system, when added to the level of previous revenues of \$16,833 results in overall annual revenues of \$19,898.

7. In addition, the *Company/Staff Agreement* provides that the agreed-upon net rate base of the Company's water operating system is \$23,326.

8. Pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 (14), "[i]f the disposition agreement filed by the staff provides for a full resolution of the utility's request and is executed only by the utility and the staff, the utility shall file new and/or revised tariff sheets, bearing an effective date that is not fewer than forty-five (45) days after they are filed, to implement the agreement." The Company will file revised tariff sheets seeking to implement the terms of the Company/Staff Agreement. The tariff shall bear an effective date of May 1, 2015 in compliance with Rule 4 CSR 240.3050 (14).

9. The Company is current on the filing of its annual report.

10. The Company is current on payment of all of its annual assessments.

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WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request and the attached Appendix A for the Commission's information and consideration in this case and requests that the Commission enter an Order adopting the terms agreed upon by the Company and Staff and contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

### <u>/s/ Cydney D. Mayfield</u>

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

## /s/ Cydney D. Mayfield

# APPENDIX A

# CASE NO. WR-2015-0104

# STAFF/COMPANY DISPOSITION AGREEMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS AND STAFF AFFIDAVITS

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Company/Staff Disposition Agreement

# <u>COMPANY/STAFF AGREEMENT REGARDING DISPOSITION</u> OF SMALL WATER COMPANY REVENUE INCREASE REQUEST

### SPOKANE HIGHLANDS WATER COMPANY

### MO PSC FILE NO. WR-2015-0104

### **BACKGROUND**

Spokane Highlands Water Company ("Company") initiated the small company revenue increase request ("Request") for water service, which is the subject of the above-referenced Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") File Number by submitting a letter to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure ("Small Company Procedure"). In its request letter, received by the Commission on October 24, 2014, the Company set forth its request for an increase of \$5,000 in its total annual water service operating revenues. The Company also acknowledged that the design of its customer rates, service charges, customer service practices, general business practices and general tariff provisions would be reviewed during the Commission Staff's ("Staff") review of the revenue increase request, and could thus be the subject of Staff's recommendations. The Company provides service to approximately 49 residential customers, located in Christian County, Missouri.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Small Company Procedure and related internal operating procedures, Staff initiated an audit of the Company's books and records, a review of the Company's customer service and general business practices, a review of the Company's existing tariff, an inspection of the Company's facilities and a review of the Company's operation of its facilities. (These activities are collectively referred to hereinafter as "Staff's investigation of the Company's Request" or "Staff's investigation.")

Upon completion of Staff's investigation of the Company's Request, Staff provided the Company and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") with information regarding Staff's investigation and the results of the investigation, including Staff's initial recommendations for the resolution of the Company's Request.

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# **RESOLUTION OF THE COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

Pursuant to negotiations held subsequent to the Company's and Public Counsel's receipt of the above-referenced information regarding Staff's investigation of the Company's Request, Staff and the Company hereby state the following agreements:

(1) The agreed upon revenue requirement increase of \$3,065 (18.48% increase) added to the level of previous revenues of \$16,833 results in overall annual revenues of \$19,898. This revenue requirement is just and reasonable and designed to recover the Company's cost of service. These amounts are shown on the ratemaking income statement found in Attachment A, incorporated by reference herein;

(2) The Auditing Unit conducted a full and complete audit of the Company's books and records using the 12-month period ended December 31, 2013, updated to December 31, 2014, as the basis for the revenue requirement determined above. The audit findings can be found in Attachment B, incorporated by reference herein;

(3) The agreed upon net rate base is \$23,326. The development of this amount is shown on the rate base worksheet that is found in Attachment C, incorporated by reference herein. This amount is included in the audit work papers in the ultimate determination of the revenue requirement shown in (1) above;

(4) Included in Attachment B is the agreed upon capital structure which includes 100.00 % equity for the Company and a return on that equity of 8.01%;

(5) The schedule of depreciation rates in Attachment D, incorporated by reference herein, includes the depreciation rates used by Staff in its revenue requirement analysis and shall be the prescribed schedule of water plant depreciation rates for the Company;

(6) To allow the Company the opportunity to collect the revenue requirement agreed to in (1) above, the rates as shown on Attachment E, incorporated by reference herein, are just and reasonable rates that the Company will be allowed to charge its customers. The impact of these rates will be as shown on Attachment F, also attached and incorporated by reference herein;

(7) For the purposes of implementing the agreements set out in this disposition agreement, the Company will file with the Commission, proposed tariff revisions containing the rates, charges, and language set out in the example tariff sheet(s) attached as Attachment E. The proposed tariff revisions will bear an effective date of May 1, 2015;

(8) The current PSC MO Number 1 tariff will be cancelled and replaced by PSC MO Number 2, which is included in the example tariff described above;

(9) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of an order approving this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the Company shall implement the

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> recommendation contained in the Auditing Unit Report, attached hereto as Attachment H and incorporated by reference herein, and provide proof of implementing the recommendations to the Manager of the Commission's Auditing Unit:

(a) The Company will maintain sufficient records, including invoices and receipts, to support future additions and retirements of plant in service;

(10) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of an order approving this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the Company shall implement the recommendations contained in the Engineering & Management Services Unit ("EMSU") Report, attached hereto as Attachment I and incorporated by reference herein, and provide proof of implementing the recommendation to the Manager of the Commission's EMSU Unit:

- (a) The Company will develop written information specifying the rights and responsibilities of the Company and its customers. This document should be mailed or delivered to each customer upon request and delivered or mailed to each new customer of the utility upon the commencement of service. This recommendation should adhere to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.040(3); and
- (b) The Company will develop and implement a process to ensure all customer complaints received by Company personnel are documented and maintained for at least two (2) years. Documentation shall adhere to Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-13.040 and 4 CSR 240-60.010(4) and include the customer name, address, nature of the complaint, date of occurrence, as well as an explanation of what the Company has done to address the complaint;

(11) Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of an order approving this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the Company shall implement the recommendations contained in the Water & Sewer Unit Memorandum, attached hereto as Attachment G and incorporated by reference herein, and provide proof of implementing the recommendation to the Manager of the Commission's Water & Sewer Unit:

- (a) The Company will post Company contact information on the outside of the well house; and
- (b) The Company will place a copy of an emergency plan inside of the well house including procedures and contact information;

(12) Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of an order approving this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the Company shall implement the recommendations contained in the EMSU Report attached hereto as Attachment I and incorporated by reference herein, and provide proof of implementing the recommendations to the Manager of the Commission's EMSU Unit:

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- (a) The Company will develop and execute signed written contracts with contractors/technicians who provide outside services;
- (b) The Company will develop and utilize time sheets to record the time associated with work assignments; and
- (c) The Company will store all customer payments and other important business documents in a locked, fireproof cabinet;

(13) Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of an order approving this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the Company shall implement the recommendations contained in the Auditing Unit Report attached hereto as Attachment H and incorporated by reference herein and provide proof of implementing the recommendations to the Manager of the Commission's Auditing Unit:

- (a) The Company will develop detailed time sheets to record work assignments and the actual time needed to complete each utility related work assignment. This reporting should be detailed enough to provide sufficient opportunity to audit this information for accuracy of actual time spent on each activity being performed by Spokane employees. The reporting should provide a break down between expenses and costs that should be capitalized for construction related activities. This information should be sufficient to support the salaries and wages included in establishing rates;
- (b) The Company will develop a transportation log to record mileage accumulated in conjunction with day-to-day operations of the water system. The log should include travel dates, actual miles traveled and purpose of the travel for each travel entry;
- (c) The Company will correct its books and records to reflect the adjusted plant, depreciation reserve, and contributions in aid of construction balances reflected in Staff Accounting Schedules, Appendix B attached herein; and
- (d) The Company will maintain its books and records in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) issued by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in 1973, as revised in 1976 for water utilities;

(14) Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of an order approving this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, the Company shall implement the recommendations contained in the Water & Sewer Unit Memorandum, attached hereto as Attachment G and incorporated by reference herein, and provide proof of implementing the recommendation to the Manager of the Commission's Water & Sewer Unit:

(a) The Company will replace the door frame and install a dead bolt lock on the door for security purposes; and

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(b) The Company will lock the doghouse lid to protect the wellhead;

(15) The Company shall mail its customers a final written notice of the rates and charges included in its proposed tariff revisions prior to or with its next billing cycle after issuance of the Commission order approving the terms of this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement. The notice shall include a summary of the impact of the proposed rates on an average residential customer's bill. When the Company mails the notice to its customers, it shall also send a copy to Staff Case Coordinator who will file a copy in this case;

(16) Staff or Public Counsel may conduct follow-up reviews of the Company's operations to ensure that the Company has complied with the provisions of this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement;

(17) Staff or Public Counsel may file a formal complaint against the Company if the Company does not comply with the provisions of this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement;

(18) The Company, Staff and Public Counsel agree that they have read the foregoing Company/Staff Disposition Agreement, that facts stated therein are true and accurate to the best of the Company's knowledge and belief, that the foregoing conditions accurately reflect the agreement reached between the Company and Staff; and that the Company freely and voluntarily enters into this Disposition Agreement; and

(19) The above agreements satisfactorily resolve all issues identified by Staff, Public Counsel and the Company regarding the Company's Request, except as otherwise specifically stated herein.

## **ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

Other than the specific conditions agreed upon and expressly set out herein, the terms of this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement reflect compromises between Staff and the Company. In arriving at the amount of the annual operating revenue increase specified herein, neither party has agreed to any particular ratemaking principle.

Staff has completed a Summary of Case Events and has included that summary as Attachment J to this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement.

The Company acknowledges that Staff will be filing this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement and the attachments hereto. The Company also acknowledges that Staff may make other filings in this case.

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Additionally, the Company agrees that subject to the rules governing practice before the Commission, Staff shall have the right to provide whatever oral explanation the Commission may request regarding this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement at any agenda meeting at which this case is noticed to be considered by the Commission. Subject to the rules governing practice before the Commission, Staff will be available to answer Commission questions regarding this Company/Staff Disposition Agreement. To the extent reasonably practicable, Staff shall provide the Company with advance notice of any such agenda meeting so that they may have the opportunity to be present and/or represented at the meeting.

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### SIGNATURES

Agreement Signed and Dated: ഹാ

Raymond Ross L President Spokane Highlands Water Company

March 10,2015 Date

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Date

Jamés Busch Manager Water & Sewer Unit Missouri Public Service Commission Staff

### List of Attachments

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Ratemaking Income Statement

# SPOKANE HIGHLANDS WATER COMPANY

# Rate Making Income Statement-Water

	Operating Revenues at C	Current Rates	
1	Tariffed Rate Revenues *	\$	16,585
2	Other Operating Revenues *	\$	248
3	Total Operating Revenues	\$	16,833
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4 \* See "Revenues - Current Rates" for Details

	Cost of Service		
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1 (	Operators Salary	\$	2,400
2	Electricity-Pumping	\$	2,927
3	System Repairs Maintenance	\$	615
4	Transportation Expense	\$	696
5	Administration & General - Salaries	\$	5,905
6	Postage	\$	209
7 (	Office Supplies	\$	54
8	Property & Liability Insurance	\$	110
9	Regulatory Commission Expense	\$	136
10 I	MO DNR Fees	\$	200
11 I	Rate Case Expense	\$	259
12	Telephone & Internet Expense	\$	944
13	Rent Expense-Building	\$	801
14	Fuel Expense-Mower	\$	7
15 I	Uncollectible Expense	\$	254
16	Sub-Total Operating Expenses	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	15,517
17	Property Taxes	\$	69
18 I	MO Franchise Taxes	\$	-
19 I	Employer FICA Taxes	\$	694
20 I	Federal Unemployment Taxes	\$	-
21	State Unemployment Taxes	\$	-
22	State & Federal Income Taxes	\$	466
23	Sub-Total Taxes	\$	1,229
24	Depreciation Expense	\$	2,093
25 (	CIAC Depreciation Expense	\$	(809)
26	Sub-Total Depreciation/Interest/Amortization	\$	1,284
27	Return on Rate Base	\$	1,868
28	Total Cost of Service	\$	19,898
29	Overall Revenue Increase Needed	\$	3,065

Agreement Attachment B

EMS Run

Exhibit No.: 12345667 Issue: Accounting Schedules Witness: MO PSC Auditors Sponsoring Party: MO PSC Staff Case No: WR-2015-0020 Date Prepared: January 2,2015



# **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

# UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION

Revised

# STAFF ACCOUNTING SCHEDULES

# SPOKANE HIGHLANDS WATER COMPANY

CASE NO. WR-2015-0020

Jefferson City, Missouri

December 2014

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Revenue Requirement

Line Number	<u>A</u> Description	<u>B</u> 8.01% Return	<u>C</u> 8.01% Return	<u>D</u> 8.01% Return	
1	Net Orig Cost Rate Base	\$23,326	\$23,326	\$23,326	
2	Rate of Return	8.01%	8.01%	8.01%	
3	Net Operating Income Requirement	\$1,868	\$1,868	\$1,868	
4	Net Income Available	-\$731	-\$731	-\$731	
5	Additional Net Income Required	\$2,599	\$2,599	\$2,599	
6	Income Tax Requirement				
7	Required Current Income Tax	\$466	\$466	\$466	
8	Current Income Tax Available	\$0	\$0	\$0\$	
9	Additional Current Tax Required	\$466	\$466	\$466	
10	Revenue Requirement	\$3,065	\$3,065	\$3,065	
11	Allowance for Known and Measureable Changes/True-Up Estimate	\$0	\$0	\$0	
12					
- 16	Gross Revenue Requirement	\$3,065	\$3,065	\$3,065	

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 RATE BASE SCHEDULE

Line Number	A Rate Base Description	B Percentage Rate	<u>C</u> Dollar Amount
1	Plant In Service		\$80,364
2	Less Accumulated Depreciation Reserve		\$49,922
3	Net Plant in Service		\$30,442
4	ADD TO NET PLANT IN SERVICE		
5	Cash Working Capital		\$0
6	Materials & Supplies (Two Meters)		\$104
7	TOTAL ADD TO NET PLANT IN SERVICE		\$104
8	SUBTRACT FROM NET PLANT		
9	Federal Tax Offset	0.0000%	\$0
10	State Tax Offset	0.0000%	\$0
11	City Tax Offset	0.0000%	\$(
12	Interest Expense Offset	0.0000%	\$0
13	CIAC Balance		\$29,466
14	CIAC Depreciation Reserve		-\$22,246
15	Deferred Income Taxes		\$0
	Deferred Income Taxes		\$0
	Accrued Pension Liability		\$0
18	TOTAL SUBTRACT FROM NET PLANT		\$7,220
19	Total Rate Base		\$23,326

#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Plant In Service

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	Account # (Optional)	Plant Account Description	Total Plant	Adjust.			Jurisdictional		MO Adjusted
Multiper		Fiant Account Description	Flant	Number	Adjustments	Plant	Allocations	Adjustments	Jurisdictional
1		INTANGIBLE PLANT							
2	301.000	Organization	\$3,137	P-2	\$0	\$3,137	100.00%	\$0	\$3,137
3		TOTAL PLANT INTANGIBLE	\$3,137		\$0	\$3,137		\$0	\$3,137
4 5	310.000	SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLANT Land and Land Rights - SSP	64.000						
5 6			\$1,000	P-5	\$0	\$1,000	100.00%	\$0	\$1,000
7		Structures and Improvements - SSP Wells and Springs	\$5,517	P-6 P-7	\$0	\$5,517	100.00%	\$0	\$5,517
8	314.000	TOTAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLANT	\$16,179	P-/	\$0 \$0	\$16,179	100.00%	\$0	\$16,179
U		TOTAL SOURCE OF SUPPLI PLANT	\$22,696		\$0	\$22,696		\$0	\$22,696
9		PUMPING PLANT							
10	325.000	Electric Pumping Equipment	\$0	P-10	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
11		Submersible (Well Pump) Equipment	\$5,186	P-11	\$0	\$5,186	100.00%	\$0	\$5,186
12		High Service or Booster Pumps	\$8,946	P-12	\$0	\$8,946	100.00%	\$0	\$8,946
13		TOTAL PUMPING PLANT	\$14,132		\$0	\$14,132		\$0	\$14,132
14		WATER TREATMENT PLANT							
15		TOTAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
16		TRANSMISSION & DIST, PLANT							
17	342.000	Distribution Reservoirs & Standpipes	\$9,752	P-17	\$0	\$9,752	100.00%	\$0	\$9,752
18		Transmission & Distribution Mains	\$15,875	P-18	\$0	\$15,875	100.00%	\$0	\$15,875
19	345.000	Services	\$916	P-19	\$0	\$916	100.00%	so	\$916
20	346.000	Meters (a)	\$0	P-20	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
21		Meters (b)	\$5,637	P-21	\$0	\$5,637	100.00%	\$0	\$5,637
22		Meter Installations (b) (s/b AC 347)	\$6,080	P-22	-\$6,080	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
23	347.000	Meter Installations	\$0	P-23	\$6,080	\$6,080	100.00%	\$0	\$6,080
24		Hydrants	\$1,104	P-24	\$0	\$1,104	100.00%	\$0	\$1,104
25		TOTAL TRANSMISSION & DIST. PLANT	\$39,364		\$0	\$39,364		\$0	\$39,364
26		GENERAL PLANT							
27		Other General Equipment	\$211	P-27	\$0	\$211	100.00%	*0	6044
28		Office Furniture and Equipment	\$242	P-27 P-28	-\$242	\$211 \$0	100.00%	\$0 \$0	\$211 \$0
29		Office Furniture and Equipment	\$242	P-29	\$242	\$0 \$242	100.00%	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$242
30		Office Computer & Electronic Equipment	\$582	P-29 P-30	\$242	\$582	100.00%	\$0 \$0	\$242 \$582
31		TOTAL GENERAL PLANT	\$1,035	F*30	\$0 \$0	\$1,035	100.00%	<u>\$0</u> \$0	\$582
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32		TOTAL PLANT IN SERVICE	\$80,364		\$0	\$80,364	I	\$0	\$80,364

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Adjustments to Plant in Service

<u>A</u> Plant Adj. Number	<u>B</u> Plant In Service Adjustment Description	<u>C</u> Account	D Adjustment	<u>E</u> Total Adjustment	<u>E</u> Jurisdictional	<u>G</u> Total Jurisdictional
		Number	Amount	Amount	Adjustments	Adjustments
P-22	Meter Installations (b) (s/b AC 347)			-\$6,080		\$0
	1. Meter Installations recorded in USOA A/C 347		-\$6,080		\$0	
P-23	Meter Installations	347.000		\$6,080		\$0
	1. Meter Installations recorded in USOA A/C 347		\$6,080		\$0	
P-28	Office Furniture and Equipment	391.000		-\$242		\$0
	1. To transfer account balance to the proper Class D Water Account		-\$242		\$0	
P-29	Office Furniture and Equipment	372.000		\$242		\$0
11	1. To transfer account balance from the account currently used.		\$242		\$0	
	Total Plant Adjustments		-	\$0		<u>\$0</u>

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Depreciation Expense

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Line Number	Account Number	Blant Account Description	MO Adjusted	Depreciation	Depreciation
Intrinuel		Plant Account Description	Jurisdictional	Rate	Expense
1		INTANGIBLE PLANT			
2	301.000	Organization	\$3,137	0.00%	\$0
3		TOTAL PLANT INTANGIBLE	\$3,137		\$0
4		SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLANT			
5	310.000	Land and Land Rights - SSP	\$1,000	0.00%	\$0
6	311.000	Structures and Improvements - SSP	\$5,517	2.50%	\$138
7	314.000	Wells and Springs	\$16,179	2.00%	\$324
8		TOTAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLANT	\$22,696		\$462
9		PUMPING PLANT			
10	325.000	Electric Pumping Equipment	\$0	0.00%	\$0
11	325.100	Submersible (Well Pump) Equipment	\$5,186	10.00%	\$519
12	325.200	High Service or Booster Pumps	\$8,946	2.00%	\$179
13		TOTAL PUMPING PLANT	\$14,132	,	\$698
14		WATER TREATMENT PLANT			
15		TOTAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT	\$0	-	\$0
16		TRANSMISSION & DIST. PLANT			
17	342.000	Distribution Reservoirs & Standpipes	\$9,752	2.50%	\$244
18	343.000	Transmission & Distribution Mains	\$15,875	2.00%	\$318
19	345.000	Services	\$916	2.90%	\$27
20	346.000	Meters (a)	\$0	2.00%	\$0
21		Meters (b)	\$5,637	2.00%	\$113
22		Meter Installations (b) (s/b AC 347)	\$0	0.00%	\$0
23	347.000	Meter Installations	\$6,080	1.00%	\$61
24	348.000	Hydrants	\$1,104	2.50%	\$28
25		TOTAL TRANSMISSION & DIST. PLANT	\$39,364		\$791
26		GENERAL PLANT		·	
27	379.000	Other General Equipment	\$211	6.70%	\$14
28		Office Furniture and Equipment	\$0	0.00%	\$0
29		Office Furniture and Equipment	\$242	5.00%	\$12
30		Office Computer & Electronic Equipment	\$582	20.00%	\$116
31		TOTAL GENERAL PLANT	\$1,035		\$142
32	ļ	Total Depreciation	\$80,364	Ĺ	\$2,093

#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Accumulated Depreciation Reserve

Line	<u>A</u> Account	Benefative and the second s	<u>C</u> Total	<u>D</u> Adjust.	<b>E</b>	E As Adjusted	<u>G</u> Jurisdictional	<u>H</u> Jurisdictional	1
Number	Number	Depreciation Reserve Description	Reserve	Number	Adjustments	Reserve	Allocations	Adjustments	MO Adjusted Jurisdictional
•	1				]				
1		INTANGIBLE PLANT							
2	301.000	Organization	\$0	R-2	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
3		TOTAL PLANT INTANGIBLE	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
4		SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLANT							
5	310.000	Land and Land Rights - SSP	\$0	R-5	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
6	311.000	Structures and Improvements - SSP	\$2,483	R-6	\$0	\$2,483	100.00%	50	\$2,483
7	314.000	Wells and Springs	\$5,829	R-7	\$6,800	\$12,629	100.00%	\$0	\$12,629
8		TOTAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY PLANT	\$8,312		\$6,800	\$15,112		\$0	\$15,112
9		PUMPING PLANT							
10	325.000	Electric Pumping Equipment	\$0	R-10	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
11	325.100	Submersible (Well Pump) Equipment	\$2,002	R-11	\$0	\$2,002	100.00%	\$0	\$2,002
12	325.200	High Service or Booster Pumps	\$13,117	R-12	-\$5,000	\$8,117	100.00%	\$0	\$8,117
13		TOTAL PUMPING PLANT	\$15,119		-\$5,000	\$10,119		\$0	\$10,119
14		WATER TREATMENT PLANT							
15		TOTAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
16	6 9 9	TRANSMISSION & DIST. PLANT						2	
17		Distribution Reservoirs & Standpipes	\$4,082	R-17	\$0	\$4,082	100.00%	\$0	\$4,082
18	343.000	Transmission & Distribution Mains	\$5,720	R-18	\$5,000	\$10,720	100.00%	\$0	\$10,720
19	345.000	Services	\$483	R-19	\$0	\$483	100.00%	\$0	\$483
20		Meters (a)	\$0	R-20	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
21		Meters (b)	\$8,367	R-21	-\$4,125	\$4,242	100.00%	\$0	\$4,242
22 23	347.000	Meter Installations (b) (s/b AC 347)	\$8,977	R-22	-\$8,977	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
23 24		Meter Installations Hydrants	\$0	R-23	\$4,652	\$4,652	100.00%	\$0	\$4,652
24	340.000	TOTAL TRANSMISSION & DIST. PLANT	\$501 \$28,130	R-24	\$0 -\$3,450	\$501 \$24,680	100.00%	<u>\$0</u> \$0	\$501 \$24,680
26					·-, ···			ŶŬ	+= .,000
26 27		GENERAL PLANT							• .
27		Other General Equipment Office Furniture and Equipment	\$0	R-27	\$0	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
28		Office Furniture and Equipment	-\$1,639	R-28 R-29	\$1,639	\$0	100.00%	\$0	\$0
30		Office Computer & Electronic Equipment	\$0 \$0	R-29 R-30	\$11 \$0	\$11	100.00%	\$0	\$11
31	0721100	TOTAL GENERAL PLANT	-\$1,639	R-30	\$1,650	\$0 \$11	100.00%	<u>\$0</u> \$0	\$0 \$11
32		TOTAL DEPRECIATION RESERVE	\$49,922		<b>\$</b> 0	\$49,922		\$0	\$49,922

#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Adjustments for Depreciation Reserve

<u>A</u> Reserve		<u>C</u>	D	E	E	<u> </u>
Adjustment Number	Accumulated Depreciation Reserve Adjustments Description	Account Number	Adjustment Amount	Total Adjustment Amount	Jurisdictional Adjustments	Total Jurisdictional Adjustments
R-7	Wells and Springs	314.000		\$6,800		\$0
	1.Transferred \$3,300 from Acct. 346 - Meters and \$3,500 from Acct. 347 - Meter Installations to rebalance reserves (Miles)		\$6,800		\$0	
R-12	High Service or Booster Pumps	325.200		-\$5,000		\$0
	1. Transferred \$5,000 to Account 343 - Transmission & Distribution Mains to rebalance reserves. (Miles)		-\$5,000		\$0	
R-18	Transmission & Distribution Mains	343.000		\$5,000		\$0
	1. Transferred \$5,000 from Account 325.2 - Booster Pumps to rebalance reserves. (Miles)		\$5,000		\$0	
R-21	Meters (b)			-\$4,125		\$0
	1. Transferred \$3,300 to Account 314 - Wells & Springs to rebalance reserves. (Miles)		-\$3,300		\$0	
	2. Transferred \$825 to Account 391 - Office Furniture and Equipment to rebalance reserves. (Miles)		-\$825		\$0	
	No Adjustment		\$0		\$0	
R-22	Meter Installations (b) (s/b AC 347)			-\$8,977		\$0
	1. To reclassify improperly recorded Meter Installations to Account 347.000		-\$8,977		\$0	
	Meter Installations	347.000		\$4,652		\$0
	1. To reclassify improperly recorded Meter Installations from Account 346.000		\$8,977		\$0	
	2. Transferred \$3,500 to Account 314 - Wells & Springs to rebalance reserves. (Miles)		-\$3,500		\$0	
	3. Transferred \$825 to Account 391 - Office Furniture and Equipment to rebalance reserves. (Miles)		-\$825		\$0	
R-28	Office Furniture and Equipment	391.000		\$1,639		\$0

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<u>A</u> Reserve		<u>2</u>	D	E Total	E	<u>G</u> Total
Adjustment Number	Accumulated Depreciation Reserve Adjustments Description	Account Number	Adjustment Amount	Adjustment Amount	Jurisdictional Adjustments	Jurisdictional Adjustments
	1. To transfer account balance to the proper Class D Water Account		\$1,639		\$0	
R-29	Office Furniture and Equipment	372.000		\$11		\$0
	<ol> <li>To transfer account balance from the account currently used.</li> </ol>		-\$1,639		\$0	
	1. Transferred \$825 from Account 346 - Meters (b) to rebalance reserve. (Miles)		\$825		\$0	
	2. Transferred \$825 from Account 347 - Meter Installations to rebalance reserve. (Miles)		\$825		\$0	
	Total Reserve Adjustments			\$0		\$0

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Cash Working Capital

Line		<u> </u>	<u>2</u>	_ <u>D</u>	E	E	G
Number	Description	Test Year	Revenue	Expense	Net Lag	Factor	CWC Req
TUIINGI	Lescription	Adj. Expenses	Lag	Lag	C-D	(Col E / 365)	BxF
1	OPERATION AND MAINT. EXPENSE						
2	Base Payroll	\$0	0.00	0.00			
3	Tax Withholding	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
4	Pensions and Employee Benefits	\$0	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
5	Electric	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
6	Telephone	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.000000	\$0
7	Office Rents	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
8	Intercompany Billing	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
9	Uncollectible Accounts	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
10	PSC Assessment	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
11	Cash Vouchers	\$15,517	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
12	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT. EXPENSE	\$15,517	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0 \$0
13	TAXES						
14	FICA - Employer Portion	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	<b>*</b> •
	Unemployment	\$0 \$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
16	Property Tax	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
17	Gross Receipts Tax	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
18	Corporate Franchise	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
19	Sales Tax	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0 \$0
20	Test Line	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	
21	TOTAL TAXES	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0 \$0
22	CWC REQ'D BEFORE RATE BASE OFFSETS						\$0
23	TAX OFFSET FROM RATE BASE						
	Federal Tax Offset	\$330	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	**
25	State Tax Offset	\$136	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
26	City Tax Offset	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$0
	Interest Expense Offset	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0
	TOTAL OFFSET FROM RATE BASE	\$466	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000000	\$0\$0\$0\$0
		¥.00					\$0

Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Income Statement

	Category Description	Total Test Year	Test Year Labor	Test Year Non Labor	Adjustments	L Total Company Adiusted	ی Jurisdictional Adjustments	H MO Final Adj Iurísdictional	I MO Juris.	Mo Juris
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$14,667	See Note (1)	See Note (1)	See Note (1)	\$14,667	\$2,166	\$16.833	See Note (1)	NOR Labor See Note (1)
	TOTAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY EXPENSES	\$0	ŝ	<b>\$</b> 0	5	C S				
	TOTAL PUMPING EXPENSES	\$5,552	\$0	\$5,552	-\$225	\$5.327	2	\$0 \$6 227	8 8	ų į
	TOTAL TRANSMISSION & DIST. FXPENSES	\$1,938 \$504	80	\$1,938	-\$1,323	\$615	205	\$615 \$615	, G	\$6.15 \$6.15
	TOTAL CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSE	0.0	200	\$501	\$195	\$696	\$0	\$696	\$0	969S
	TOTAL CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPENSES	2	0.5	2	20 20	\$0	\$0	ŝ	\$0	•
	TOTAL SALES PROMOTION EXPENSES	3 5	2		20	SO	\$0	SO	\$0	
	TOTAL ADMIN. & GENERAL EXPENSES	\$2,609	, <b>,</b>	002 53	0.5	<del>2</del> 2	\$0	\$0	\$0	
-	TOTAL DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$2.254	See Note (1)	Soc Note (1)	\$6,270	\$8,879	\$0	\$8,879	\$5,905	\$2.974
-	TOTAL AMORTIZATION EXPENSE	02			See Note (1)	\$2,254	-\$970	\$1,284	See Note (1)	See Note (1)
	TOTAL OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$117	2		05.50	\$0	\$0	ŝ	\$0	
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$12.971		11.0	\$040 7	\$763	8	\$763	\$0	\$763
			2	111.010	590,00	\$18,534	-\$970	\$17,564	\$5,905	\$10,375
4	NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES	\$1,696	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$3,867	\$3,136	-\$731	\$0	
	TOTAL INCOME TAXES	20	See Note (1)	See Note (1)	See Note (1)	\$0	\$0	SO	See Note (1)	See Note (1)
10101		₽\$	See Note (1)	See Note (1)	See Note (1)	\$0	SO	\$0	See Note (1)	See Note (1)
17	NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,696	\$0	SO	<u> </u>	C3 867				

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MO Ad), Juris. Non Labor	L + M=K [1] Seconds (1)	<b>80</b>	8	\$95 	\$694 \$763	\$10,375		See note (1)	See note (1)	
L MO Adj. Juris. Labor	L+N See note (1)	\$0	\$0	80	20	\$6,905		See note (1)	See note (1)	
K MO Final Adj Jurisdictional	(H × l) + J \$2.093	-\$809 \$1,284	\$	\$69	\$763	\$17,564	-\$731	88	\$ 8	\$0 \$31
Jurisdictional Adjustments	From Adj. Sch.) -\$1,581	\$611 -\$970	0\$	000	8	\$970	\$3,136	\$0	\$ \$	\$0 \$0 \$3,136
Jurfsdictional Allocations	100.00%	100.00%	<u>k</u>	100.00%				100.00%	100.00% 100.00%	100.00%
H International Jurisdictional Total Company Jurisdictional Adjusted Allocations Adjustments	\$3,674	-51,420 \$2,254	So	\$69 \$694	\$763	\$18,534	-\$3,867	20	88	\$0 \$0 \$3867
G Total Company Adjustments (From Adl Scents	See note (1)	\$0	\$0	-\$48 \$694	\$646	\$5,563	Sec. 2010. (1)		See note (1)	
E Adjust Number	п - 33 23	ţ		н 40 33			F.45	}	Е 48 149 149	
E Test Year Non Labor	See note (1)	\$0	\$0	\$117 \$0	\$117	\$10,717	See note (1)		See note (1)	
D Test Year Labor	See note (1)	8	\$	8 8		8	See note (1)		See note (1)	
C Test Year Total (D+E)	\$3,674 -51,420	\$2,254	80	\$117 \$0	1116	\$1 F96	\$0	\$0	888	\$1,696
Account B Account Income Description	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE 0.000 Depreciation Expense, Dep. Exp. 0.000 CIAC Depreciation offset	I U AL VEPRECIATION EXPENSE AMORTIZATION EXPENSE	TOTAL AMORTIZATION EXPENSE	008.000 Propert Taxes 408.000 Propert Taxes 408.100 Payroli Taxes TOTAL OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE		0.000 Current Income Taxes	DEFERRED INCOME TAYES	0.000 Deferred income Taxes - Doff Inc. Tax. 0.000 Amortization of Deferred ITC 0.000 Deferred income Tax - Test Line	
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Labor and Non Labor Detail not applicable to Revenue & Taxes £

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#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Adjustments to Income Statement Detail

A Income Adj, Number		C Account Number		<u>E</u> Company Adjustment Non Labor	<u>E</u> Company Adjustments Total	<u>G</u> Jurisdictional Adjustment Labor	<u>H</u> Jurisdictional Adjustment Non Labor	l Jurisdictional Adjustments Total
Rev-2	Residential 1. To Annualize Residential Revenue	400.000	\$0 \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0		\$2,118	\$2,118
Rev-9	Other Water Revenue - Oper, Rev.	400.100		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$2,118 <b>\$4</b> 8	\$48
E-5	1. To Annualize Other Water Revenue - Oper, Rev. Power Purchased for Pumping (Elect Well House)	620.000	\$0 \$0	\$0 - <b>\$22</b> 5	-\$225	\$0 <b>\$</b> 0	\$48 \$0	
	1. To annualize electric expense		\$0	-\$225		\$0	\$0 \$0	<b>\$</b> 0,
E-8	Repair and Maintenaco Materials 1. To normalize maintenance expense	650,000	<b>\$</b> 0 \$0	<b>-\$1,323</b> -\$1,323	\$1,323	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0
E-11	Misc General - Mileage for Business Travel 1. To normalize mileage	660.000	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$195</b> \$195	<b>\$</b> 195	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0
E-20	Salaries 1. To include salaries	680.000	\$5,905	<b>\$</b> 0	\$5,905	<b>\$</b> 0	\$0	\$0
E-24	MO PSC Assessment	688.000	\$5,905 <b>\$0</b>	\$0 \$49	\$49	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$0 <b>\$</b> 0	\$0
	1. To update PSC Assessment Other Regulatory Expense	688.100	\$0 <b>\$</b> 0	\$49 - <b>\$15</b> 2		\$0	\$0	100-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-
	1. To remove primacy fees		\$0	-\$152	\$152	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0
	Rate Case Expense 1. To Include Rate Case Expense Recovery	688.200	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$259</b> \$259	\$259	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0
	Misc General Expense - Telephone, Internet 1. To annualize internet and cell phone expense.	689.000	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>-\$380</b> -\$380	\$380	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0
	Rents - AGE 1. To include office rental	689.100	\$0	\$801	\$801	\$0	\$0	\$0
		689.200	\$0 \$0	\$801 - <b>\$191</b>	-\$191	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$0 <b>\$</b> 0	\$0
	1. To normalize fuel for mower cost Jncollectible Expense	690.000	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	-\$191 - <b>\$21</b>	-\$21	\$0	\$0	
1	I. To normalize uncollectible expense		\$0	-\$21	1.46-	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0
	Jepreciation Expense, Dep. Exp.		<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b> \$0	<b>-\$1,581</b> -\$1,581	\$1,581

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A Income Adj. Number	B Income Adjustment Description	<u>C</u> Account Number	<u>D</u> Company Adjustment Labor	E Company Adjustment Non Labor	<u>E</u> Company Adjustments Total	<u>G</u> Jurisdictional Adjustment Labor	<u>H</u> Jurisdictional Adjustment Non Labor	Jurisdictional Adjustments Total
	1. No Adjustment		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	JVAI
E-34	CIAC Depreciation offset		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$</b> 611	\$611
	1. To update CIAC amortization to reflect recommended depreciation rates.		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$611	
E-39	Property Taxes	408.000	\$0	-\$48	-\$48	\$0	\$0	\$0
	1. To update Property Tax Expense		\$0	-\$48		\$0	\$0	
E-40	Payroll Taxes	408.100	\$0	\$694	\$694	\$0	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0
	1. To include payroll taxes		\$0	\$694		\$0	\$0	
I	Total Operating Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,166	\$2,166
	Total Operating & Maint, Expense		\$5,905	-\$342	\$5,583	\$0	-\$970	-\$970

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Income Tax Calculation

Line Number	A Description	<u>B</u> Percentage Rate	<u>C</u> Test Year	<u>D</u> 8.01% Return	<u>E</u> 8.01% Return	<u>E</u> 8.01% Return
1	TOTAL NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES		-\$731	\$2,334	\$2,334	\$2,33
2				( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	\$2,004	φ <b>2</b> ,00
2	ADD TO NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES Book Depreciation Expense					
4	Test		\$1,284	\$1,284	\$1,284	\$1,284
5	TOTAL ADD TO NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES		\$0 \$1,284	\$0 \$1,284	\$0 \$1,284	\$( \$1,284
6	SUBT. FROM NET INC. BEFORE TAXES					
7	Interest Expense calculated at the Rate of	0.0000%	\$0	\$0	60	÷1
8	Tax Straight-Line Depreciation		\$1,284	\$1,284	\$0	\$0
9	Excess Tax Depreciation		\$1,204		\$1,284	\$1,284
10	TOTAL SUBT. FROM NET INC. BEFORE TAXES		\$1,284	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$1,284	\$1,284	\$1,284	\$1,284
11	NET TAXABLE INCOME		-\$731	\$2,334	\$2,334	\$2,334
12	PROVISION FOR FED. INCOME TAX					
13	Net Taxable Inc Fed. Inc. Tax		\$0	\$2,334	\$2,334	\$2,334
14	Deduct Missouri Income Tax at the Rate of	100.000%	\$0	\$136	\$136	\$136
15 16	Deduct City Inc Tax - Fed. Inc. Tax Federal Taxable Income - Fed. Inc. Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
17	Federal Income Tax at the Rate of	Cao Tay Tabla	\$0	\$2,198	\$2,198	\$2,198
18	Subtract Federal Income Tax Credits	See Tax Table	\$0	\$330	\$330	\$330
19	Credits - Solar		\$0	\$0	**	•
20	Net Federal Income Tax		\$0	\$330	\$0 \$330	\$0 \$330
21	PROVISION FOR MO. INCOME TAX					
22	Net Taxable Income - MO. Inc. Tax		\$0	\$2,334	\$2,334	¢0.004
23	Deduct Federal Income Tax at the Rate of	50.000%	\$0	\$165	\$2,334 \$165	\$2,334 \$165
24	Deduct City Income Tax - MO. Inc. Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$185
	Missouri Taxable income - MO. Inc. Tax		\$0	\$2,169	\$2,169	\$2,169
26	Missouri Income Tax at the Rate of	6.250%	\$0	\$136	\$136	\$136
	PROVISION FOR CITY INCOME TAX					
	Net Taxable Income - City Inc. Tax		\$0	\$2,334	\$2,334	\$2,334
29	Deduct Federal Income Tax - City Inc. Tax		\$0	\$330	\$330	\$330
30 31	Deduct Missouri Income Tax - City Inc. Tax City Taxable Income		\$0	\$136	\$136	\$136
	City Income Tax at the Rate of	0.000%	\$0	\$1,868	\$1,868	\$1,868
		0.000%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	SUMMARY OF CURRENT INCOME TAX					
1	Federal income Tax		\$0	\$330	\$330	\$330
	State Income Tax City Income Tax		\$0	\$136	\$136	\$136
	TOTAL SUMMARY OF CURRENT INCOME TAX		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1			\$0	\$466	\$466	\$466
	DEFERRED INCOME TAXES					
	Deferred Income Taxes - Def. Inc. Tax.		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Amortization of Deferred ITC Deferred Income Tax - Test Line		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME TAXES		<u> </u>	\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
43	TOTAL INCOME TAX		\$0	\$466	\$466	\$466

#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Income Tax Calculation

A Description	<u>B</u> C Percentage Test Rate Year		D 01% sturn	<u>E</u> 8.01% Return	<u>E</u> 8.01% Return
	Federal Tax Tab				
Federal income Taxes		\$0	\$2,198	\$2,198	\$2,19
15% on first \$50,000		\$0	\$330	\$330	\$33
25% on next \$25,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	ţ
34% > \$75,000 < \$100,001		\$0	\$0	\$0	5
39% > \$100,000 < \$335,001		\$0	\$0	\$0	Ś
34% > \$335,000 < \$10,000,001		\$0	\$0	\$0	5
35% > \$10MM < \$15,000,001		\$0	\$0	\$0	ŝ
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38% > \$15MM < \$18,333,334

Total Federal Income Taxes

35% > \$18,333,333

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#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Capital Structure Schedule

Line Number	A Description	<u>B</u> Dollar Amount	<u>C</u> Percentage of Total Capital Structure	D Embedded Cost of Capital	E Weighted Cost of Capital 8.01%	E Weighted Cost of Capital 8.01%	<u>G</u> Weighted Cost of Capital 8.01%
1	Common Stock	\$1,000	100.00%		8.010%	8.010%	8.010%
2	Other Security Tax Deductible	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
3	Preferred Stock	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
4	Long Term Debt	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
5	Short Term Debt	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
6	Other Security-Non Tax Deductible	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
7	TOTAL CAPITALIZATION	\$1,000	100.00%		8.010%	8.010%	8.010%
8	PreTax Cost of Capital				0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Executive Case Summary

Line Number	Description	Amount
1	Annualized Missouri Retail Revenues	\$16,833
2	Annualized Customer Numbers	49
3	Annualized Customer Usage	9,305
4	Profit (Return on Equity)	\$1,868
5	Interest Expense	\$0
6	Annualized Payroll	\$5,905
7	Utility Employees	0
8	Depreciation	\$2,093
9	Net Investment Plant	\$30,442
10	Pensions	\$0

Agreement Attachment C

Rate Base Worksheet

# Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Test Year Ended December 31, 2013 Updated Through December 31, 2014 Rate Base Worksheet

	Α	В	
Line Number	Rate Base Description	Dolla	r Amount
1	Plant in Service	\$	80,364
2	Less Accumulated Depreciation Reserve	\$	49,922
3	Net Plant in Service	\$	30,442
4	ADD TO NET PLANT IN SERVICE		
5	Materials & Supplies (Two Meters)	\$	104
6	TOTAL ADD TO NET PLANT IN SERVICE	\$	104
8	SUBTRACT FROM NET PLANT		
9	CIAC Balance	\$	29,466
10	CIAC Depreciation Reserve	\$	(22,246)
11	TOTAL SUBTRACT FROM NET PLANT	\$	7,220
12	TOTAL RATE BASE	\$	23,326

Agreement Attachment D

Schedule of Depreciation Rates

# SPOKANE HIGHLANDS WATER COMPANY DEPRECIATION RATES (WATER) CASE NO. WR-2015-0104

			AVERAGE	
			SERVICE	
ACCOUNT	_	<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	<u>LIFE</u>	
NUMBER	ACCOUNT	RATE %	(YEARS)	SALVAGE %
311	Structures & Improvements	2.5%	44	-10%
314	Wells & Springs	2.0%	55	-8%
325	Electric Pumping Equipment			
325.1	Submersible (Well Pump) Equipment	10.0%	12	-20%
325.2	High Service or Booster Pumps	2.0%	7	0%
342	Distribution Reservoirs & Standpipes	2.5%	42	-5%
343	Transmission & Distribution Mains	2.0%	50	0%
345	Services	2.9%	35	0%
346	Meters	2.0%	10	0%
347	Meter Installations	1.0%	50	0%
348	Hydrants	2.5%	40	0%
372	Office Furniture & Equipment	5.0%	20	0%
379	Other General Equipment	6.7%	13	13%

Attachment D

Agreement Attachment E

Example Tariff Sheets

Name of Utility: Spokane Highlands Water Company

Service Area: Spokane Highlands Subdivision

	Water Service
	<u>INDEX</u>
Sheet No.	
1Index	
2 Map of Se	ervice Area
3 Legal Des	cription of Service Area
4Schedule	of Rates
5 Schedule	of Service Charges
Rule No.	Rule Title
61.	Definitions
92.	General Rules and Regulations
103.	Company Employees and Customer Relations
114.	Applications for Service
125.	Inside Piping and Water Service Lines
166.	Improper or Excessive Use
177.	Discontinuance of Service by Company
228.	Termination of Water Service at Customer's Request
239.	Interruptions in Service
2410.	Bills for Service
2811.	Meters and Meter Installations
3112.	Meter Tests and Test Fees
3213.	Bill Adjustments Based on Meter Tests
3314.	Extension of Water Mains
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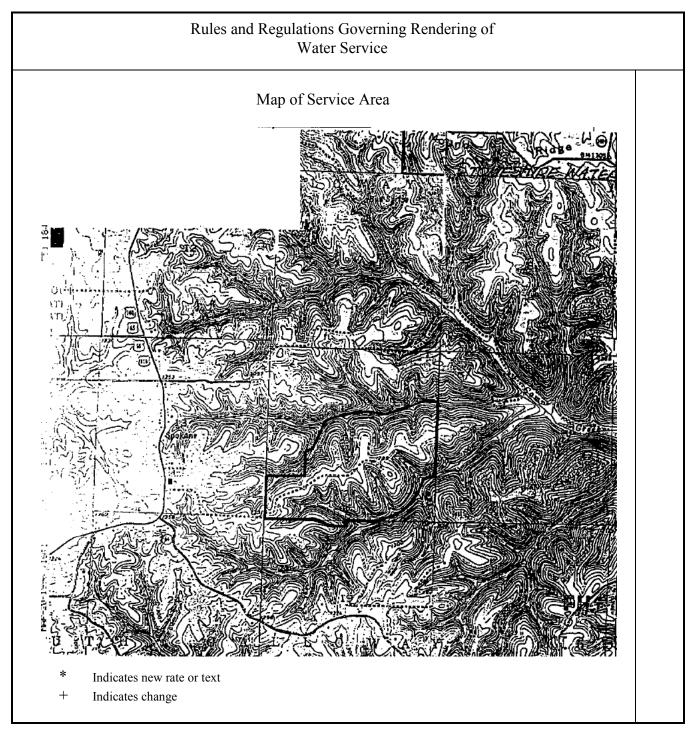
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## Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service

# Legal Description of Service Area

All of a part of the South three quarters of Section 18 and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 21 West, Christian County, Missouri being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a post at the southwest corner of said Section 18; thence N 01°30'29" E along the West line of said Section 18, 1,323.43 feet to the Northwest corner of the South half of Lot 2 of the Southwest quarter of said Section 18; thence s 89°38'24" E along the North line of said South half of Lot 2 1192.26 feet to the Northeast corner of said South half of Lot 2; thence N 00°56'36" E along the East line of said Lot 2 of the Southwest guarter 759.55 feet; thence N 81°08'06" E 339.55 feet; thence N 20°30'00"E 655.00 feet; thence N 51°45'00" E 430.00 feet; thence, N 75°12'13" E 372.96 feet; thence N 78°47'13" E 562.25 feet; thence S 76°55'03" E 566.26 feet; thence N 66°13"01" E 482.70 feet; thence N 84°20'14" E 484.79 feet; thence N 63°44'59" E 325.00 feet; thence S 69°00'30" E 423.69 feet to the East line of said Section 18; thence s  $00^{\circ}49'04''$  w along the said East line of Section 18, 1,871.63 feet; thence S 65°23'01" W 493.97 feet; thence S 18°02'41" W 654.08 feet; thence s 44°45'00" w 470.00 feet; thence S 61°30'00" W 350.00 feet; thence s 76°00'00" W 290.00 feet; thence S 77"57'32" W 308.52 feet to the South line of said Section 18; thence N 89°43'09" W along said south line of Section 18, 790.13 feet to the South guarter corner of said Section 18; thence S 01°30'29" W 231.83 feet; thence N 90°00'00" W 443.76 feet; thence N 67°15'00" W 670.00 feet; thence N 89"01'00" W 210.18 feet; thence S 60"31'56" W 49.74 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 2 of the Southwest quarter; thence N 89°43'09" W along the South line of said Section 18, 1,205.73 feet to the point of beginning and containing 295.17 acres, more or less, and subject to all easements and rightsof-way.

Bearings are based on true North by solar observation.

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Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service	
Schedule of Rates	
Availability:	
These rates are available to any water customer on Company's mains for supplying water service requested	
Water Service Rates:	
Monthly Customer Charge \$14.67 per month	
Commodity Charge \$ 4.22 per thousand gallons of water used	
Taxes:	
Any applicable Federal, State, or local taxes computed on billing basis shall be added as separate items in rendering each bill.	
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Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service		
Schedule of S	Service Charges	
The following Miscellaneous Charges apply Company's filed Rule and Regulations:	as authorized and Described elsewhere in the	
New Service Connection Fee Consists of the costs incurred by the Company equipment, but excluding the cost of the meter.	Actual Cost for construction including parts, material, labor and See Rule 5 B.	
Service Connection Inspection Fee See Rule 5 B.	\$25	
Water Service Line Inspection Fee See Rule 5 C.	\$25	
Turn-On Fee	\$15	
Turn-Off Fee	\$15	
	\$15 he Company personnel is on-site to disconnect the lisconnection fee may not be assessed if the service is	
Meter Test Fee See Rule 12 B.	\$25	
Late Charges The late charge is calculated monthly with the g in accordance with Rule 10 G.	\$5 or 3% greater amount above being added to the delinquent bill	
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Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service		
Schedule of Service Char	ges continued	
Returned Check Charges	\$25	
Service Calls for Damages caused by Customer	Actual cost but not less than \$40	
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Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service		
Rule 1 <u>1</u>	DEFINITIONS	
А.	An "APPLICANT" is a person, firm, corporation, governmental body, or other entity which has applied for service; two or more APPLICANTS may make one application for a water main extension and be considered one APPLICANT.	
B.	The "COMPANY" is Spokane Highlands Water Company, acting through its officers, managers, or other duly authorized employees or agents.	
C.	The "CURB STOP" is a valve on the Service Connection, located at or near the Customer's property line, and used to shut off water service to the premises. The Curb Stop is owned and maintained by the Company.	
D.	A "CUSTOMER" is any person, firm, corporation or governmental body which has contracted with the Company for water service or is receiving service from Company, or whose facilities are connected for utilizing such service, and except for a guarantor is responsible for payment for service.	
E.	The "DATE OF CONNECTION" shall be the date of the permit for installation and connection issued by the Company. In the event no permit is taken and a connection is made, the date of connection shall be based on available information such as construction/occupancy permits, electric service turn-on date, or may be the date of commencement of construction of the building upon the property.	
F.	A "DEVELOPER" is any person, firm, corporation, partnership or any entity that, directly or indirectly, holds title to, or sells or leases, or offers to sell or lease, or advertises for sale or lease, any lots in a subdivision.	
G.	"DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE" is the intentional cessation of service by the Company not requested by the Customer.	
H.	The "MAIN" is a pipeline which is owned and maintained by the Company, located on public property or private easements, and used to transport water	
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	Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service		
Rule 1 co	ontinued		
	throughout the Company's service area.		
I.	The "METER" is a device, owned by the Company, used to measure and record the quantity of water that flows through the service line, and is installed in the outdoor meter setting, or inside the Customer's building where the water service line enters through a foundation wall.		
J.	The "METER SETTING" is a place either in the service connection or building plumbing for a water meter to be installed. An outdoor meter setting is located at or near the property line, and includes the meter box, meter yoke, lid, and appurtenances, all of which shall be owned and maintained by the Company. Indoor meter settings are located inside the Customer's premises where the water service line enters the foundation wall either installed directly in the piping or in a meter yoke.		
K.	A "RETURNED CHECK" is a check that is returned to the Company from any bank unpaid for any reason.		
L.	A "SEASONAL CUSTOMER" is a Customer who is absent from the premises and may turn off, or request the Company turn off, water service temporarily. All Rates, Rules and Regulations within this tariff continue to apply to "Seasonal Customers" during periods of seasonal absence or turn-off.		
M.	The "SERVICE CONNECTION" is the pipeline connecting the main to the Customer's water service line and includes the curb stop, or outdoor meter setting and all necessary appurtenances located at or near the property line, or at the property line if there is no curb stop or outdoor meter setting. If the property line is in a street, and if the curb stop or meter setting is not located near the edge of the street abutting the Customer's property, the service connection shall be deemed to end at the edge of the street abutting the Customer's property. The service connection shall be owned and maintained by the Company.		
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Rule 1 c	continued	
N.	A "SUBDIVISION" is any land in the state of Missouri which is divided or proposed to be divided into two or more lots or other divisions of land, whether contiguous or not, or uniform in size or not, for the purpose of sale or lease, and includes resubdivision thereof.	
О.	"TERMINATION OF SERVICE" is cessation of service requested by the Customer.	
Р.	"TURN-OFF" is the act of turning water service off by physically turning a valve such that water is unavailable to a Customer's premises.	
Q.	"TURN-ON" is the act of turning water service on by physically turning a valve to allow water to be available to a Customer's premises.	
R.	The word "UNIT" or "LIVING UNIT" shall be used herein to define the premises or property of a single water consumer, whether or not that consumer is the Customer. It shall pertain to any building whether multi-tenant or single occupancy, residential or commercial, or owned or leased. Each mobile home in a mobile home park and each rental unit of a multi-tenant rental property are considered as separate units for each single family or firm occupying same as a residence or place of business.	
S.	The "WATER SERVICE LINE" is a pipe with appurtenances installed, owned and maintained by the Customer, used to conduct water to the Customer's unit from the property line, curb stop or outdoor meter setting, including the connection to the curb stop or meter setting. If the property line is in a street, then the water service line shall be deemed to begin at the edge of the street abutting the Customer's property.	
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# Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service

#### Rule 2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- A. Every applicant, upon signing an application for any water service rendered by the Company, or any Customer upon taking of water service, shall be considered to have expressed consent to be bound by these Rates, Rules and Regulations.
- B. The Company's Rules and Regulations governing rendering of service are set forth in these numbered sheets. The rates applicable to appropriate water service or service in particular service areas are set forth in rate schedules and constitute a part of these Rules and Regulations.
- C. The Company reserves the right, subject to authority of the Missouri Public Service Commission, to prescribe additional Rates, Rules or Regulations or to alter existing Rates, Rules or Regulations as it may from time to time deem necessary and proper.
- D. After the effective date of these Rules and Regulations, all new facilities, construction contracts, and written agreements shall conform to these Rules and Regulations, and in accordance with the statutes of the state of Missouri and the Rules and Regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Pre-existing facilities that do not comply with applicable Rules and Regulations may remain, provided that their existence does not constitute a service problem or improper use, and reconstruction is not practical.
- E. The point of delivery of water service shall be at the connection of the Customer's service line to the Company's service connection.

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Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service		
Rule 3	COMPANY EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS	
A.	Employees or agents of the Company are expressly forbidden to demand or accept any compensation for any services rendered to its Customers except as covered in the Company's Rules and Regulations.	
В.	No employee or agent of the Company shall have the right or authority to bind it by any promise, agreement or representation contrary to the intent of these Rules and Regulations.	
C.	The Company shall not be responsible for damages caused by any failure to maintain water pressure or water quality, or for interruption, if such failure or interruption is without willful default or negligence on its part.	
D.	The Company shall not be liable for damages due to, or interruptions caused by, defective piping, fittings, fixtures and appliances on the Customer's premises and not owned by the Company.	
E.	The Company shall not be liable for damages due to Acts of God, civil disturbances, war, government actions, or other uncontrollable occurrences.	
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# Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service

#### Rule 4 APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

- A. A written application for service, signed by the Customer, stating the type of service required and accompanied by any other pertinent information, will be required from each Customer before service is provided to any unit.
- B. If service is requested at a point not already served by a main of adequate capacity, a main of adequate size shall be extended as may be necessary in accordance with Rule 14.
- C. When, in order to provide the service requested a main extension or other construction or equipment expense is required, the Company may require a written contract. Said contract may include, but not be limited to, the obligations upon the Company and the applicant, and shall specify a reasonable period of time necessary to provide such service.

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#### Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service

#### Rule 5 INSIDE PIPING AND WATER SERVICE LINES

- A. The Company will provide water service at the outdoor meter, at the curb stop if an indoor meter setting is utilized; or at the property line if neither an outdoor meter nor a curb stop exists at or near the property line, or at the edge of the street if such property line is in the street. Separate buildings shall be served through separate water service lines if they are not on one lot that cannot be subdivided.
- B. The service connection from the water main to the Customer's property line shall be owned and maintained by the Company. The Customer may install, or have installed by a professional contractor or plumber, the service connection from the water main to the meter setting, and make the connection to the main, subject to prior approval of the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for payment of a New Service Connection Fee as specified by or provided for in the Schedule of Service Charges.
- C. A service connection installation constructed by the Customer as provided for in paragraph 5 B., above, is subject to inspection by the Company. The Service Connection Inspection Fee as specified in the Schedule of Service Charges shall apply if the Company must make a trip solely to conduct an inspection of a service connection constructed by the Customer, and shall not apply if the inspection of a service connection is accomplished at the same time as a tap is made for the Customer, or the same time as an inspection of the water service line as provided for in paragraph D below.
- D. Water service line construction and maintenance from the property line, curb stop or meter setting, including the connection to the curb stop or meter setting, to the building shall be the responsibility of the Customer, and is subject to inspection by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for any applicable fees as listed in the Schedule of Service Charges. Customers shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the Company's mains, curb stops, valve boxes, meters, and meter installations caused by the Customer, Customer's agent, or tenant.
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Rule 5 c	continued	
E.	Existing water service lines and service connections may be used in connecting with new buildings only when they are found by examination and testing not to constitute a hazard to the health and safety of any Customer or the Company's facilities.	
F.	The water service line shall be brought to the unit at a depth of not less than thirty- six inches (36") and have a minimum inside diameter of three-quarters inch (3/4"). The Customer is responsible for the determination of whether or not a larger size is needed to provide adequate flow to the unit. A valve must be installed in the service line where it enters the unit. This valve must be kept in good repair in order to shut off the water supply and drain the inside plumbing, if necessary.	
G.	Water service lines and inside piping shall be of material conforming to recognized standards for potable water service and shall have a pressure rating of at least one hundred sixty (160) psi working pressure.	
H.	The Company will not install a service connection to a vacant lot if such lot is not intended and recognized by the Company to be for intermittent use such as camping or picnic activity in a recreational subdivision, and the Customer installs a frost-free lockable hydrant at any point of use.	
I.	Any change in the location of an existing service connection requested by the Customer shall be made by the Company or with the Company's approval, at the Customer's expense.	
J.	The Company shall have the right to enter the Customer's premises, after reasonable notice, for the purposes of inspection to ensure compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Company personnel shall identify themselves and make these inspections only at reasonable hours.	
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K.	Neither water service lines nor service connections may be extended along public streets or roadways or through property of others in connecting with the Company's mains. The service connection may, however, extend through the water main easement and roadway easement as necessary in order to be connected to a main located across and adjacent to a street in front of the Customer's living unit. The service connection and service line must be laid in a straight line and at right angles to the main and the face of the structure or as nearly so as possible. Any deviation from this because of physical obstruction, landlocked property, or a clear impossibility to construction a future main extension for further subdivision development or additional future customers, will be at the discretion of the Company.	
L.	Any Customer having a plumbing arrangement, or a water-using device that could allow backsiphonage of any chemical, petroleum, process water, water from a questionable supply, or other substance that could create a health hazard or damage to the water system; or, any Customer's plumbing classified as an actual or potential backflow hazard in the Regulations of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources shall be required to install and maintain a backflow prevention device. This rule may also apply to Customers on whose premises it is impossible or impractical for the Company to perform a cross connection survey. The device, installation, location and maintenance program shall be approved by the Company.	
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#### Rule 6 IMPROPER OR EXCESSIVE USE

- A. No Customer shall be wasteful of the water supplied to the unit by the Customer's willful action or inaction. It shall be the responsibility and duty of each Customer to maintain all piping and fixtures at the unit in a good and efficient state of repair at all times.
- B. No Customer shall make or cause to be made a cross connection between the potable water supply and any source of chemical or bacterial contamination or any other water supply. The Company shall deny or discontinue service where Customer's water service line or inside piping may, in the opinion of the Company, cause a cr oss-connection with non-potable water or otherwise jeopardize the health and safety of other Customer's or the Company's facilities.
- C. The Customer shall not make or cause to be made a connection to a device that will result in excessive water demand or excessive shock, such as water-hammer, to the Company's mains.
- D. The Customer shall not tamper with, remove, or willfully damage a water meter or attempt to operate the shutoff cock on the service connection or meter yoke, or allow any such action. Licensed plumbers may operate such valves in order to work on the Customer's premises and to test their work, but must leave such valves open or closed as found.
- E. The Customer shall not attempt to take unmetered water from the Company mains either by an unauthorized tap or direct connection to service connection nor by connection to a fire hydrant.
- F. Customers will not be permitted to supply water in any way to premises other than the service address, nor to permit others to use their hose or attachments, nor leave them exposed to use by others without permission from the Company.
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#### Rule 7 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE BY COMPANY

- A. The Company may discontinue service for any of the following reasons:
  - 1. Non-payment of a delinquent account not in dispute; or
  - 2. Failure to post a security deposit or guarantee acceptable to the utility; or
  - 3. Unauthorized interference, diversion or use of the utility service situated or delivered on or about the Customer's premises; or
  - 4. Misrepresentation of identity in obtaining utility service; or
  - 5. Enclosing or obstructing any meter so as to make reading or repairs unreasonably difficult, or
  - 6. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement; or
  - 7. Refusal after reasonable notice to grant access at reasonable times to equipment installed upon the premises of the Customer for the purpose of inspection, meter reading, maintenance or replacement; or
  - 8. Violation of any of these Rules and Regulations on file with and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission, or for any condition which adversely affects the safety of the Customer or other persons, or the integrity of the utility's delivery system; or
  - 9. Non-payment of a sewer bill issued by the Company or by a sewer utility requesting discontinuance of water service by an agreement between the Company and such sewer utility. When water service is discontinued for non-payment of a sewer bill and if the sewer bill is not issued by the Company, any service charges for turn on/off or disconnection/reconnection within these Rules and Regulations shall not apply, and notice to the
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	Customer shall be provided by rules and procedure applicable to the Customer's sewer service in lieu of notification required by these Rules and Regulations.	
B.	None of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for the Company to discontinue service:	
1	. The failure of the Customer to pay for merchandise, appliances, or service not subject to Commission jurisdiction as an integral part of the utility service provided by the Company; or	
2	The failure of the Customer to pay for service received at a separate metering point, residence, or location. In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence, or location in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the Company may transfer and bill any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of the Customer and may discontinue service after twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule; or	
3	The failure of the customer to pay for a different class of service received at the same or different location. The placing of more than one (1) meter at the same location for the purpose of billing the usage of specific devices under operational rate schedules or provisions is not construed as a different class of service for the purpose of this rule; or	
4	The failure to pay the bill of another customer, unless the customer whose service is sought to be discontinued received substantial benefit and use of the service billed to the other customer; or	
5	. The failure of a previous owner or occupant of the premises to pay an unpaid	
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	or delinquent bill except where the previous occupant remains an occupant of the living unit; or
	6. The failure to pay a bill correcting a previous underbilling, whenever the customer claims an inability to pay the corrected amount, unless a utility has offered the customer a payment arrangement equal to the period of underbilling.
C.	The Company may discontinue service after notice by first class mail is sent to the Customer at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance. Service of notice by mail is complete upon mailing. If written notice is hand delivered to the Customer, it shall be done at least ninety-six (96) hours prior to discontinuance. If the Company intends to discontinue service to a multi-tenant dwelling with occupants who are not customers, a notice shall also be conspicuously posted in the building ten (10) days prior to the proposed discontinuance, along with information pertaining to how one or more of the tenants may apply to become customers. Discontinuance shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days after the date given as the discontinuance date, shall occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and shall not occur on a day when the Company will not be available to reconnect service or on a day immediately preceeding such a day.
D.	A discontinuance notice provided to a customer shall include:
	1. The name and address of the Customer, the service address if different than the Customer's address; and
	2. A statement of the reason for the proposed discontinuance of service and the cost for reconnection; and
	3. How the customer may avoid the discontinuance; and
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	4. The possibility of a payment agreement it the claim is for a charge not in dispute and the Customer is unable to pay the charge in full at one time; and
	5. A telephone number the Customer may call from the service location without incurring toll charges and the address and any available electronic contact information of the utility prominently displayed where the customer may make an inquiry.
E.	The Company shall make reasonable efforts to contact the Customer, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any discontinuance, regarding the reason(s) for discontinuance of service, and the resolution. If discontinuance of service would affect an occupant who is not the Company's Customer, or is not responsible for payment of the bill, then the Company shall make reasonable efforts to inform such occupant(s).
F.	The Company shall postpone the discontinuance if personnel will not be available to restore service the same day, or if personnel will not be available to restore service the following day. The Company also shall postpone discontinuance if a medical emergency exists on the premises, however the postponement may be limited to twenty-one (21) days, and the Company may require proof of a medical emergency.
G.	The Company shall have the right to enter the Customer's premises for purposes of discontinuance of service in compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Discontinuance of service will be made during reasonable hours. Company personnel shall identify themselves and announce the intention to discontinue service, or leave a conspicuous notice of the discontinuance. The Company shall have the right to communicate with the owner of the Customer's Unit for purposes of gaining access to the property for discontinuance of service in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission's billing practices, but any extra costs for arranging such access shall not be charged to the Customer's account.
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H.	The provisions of paragraphs C. and E. above may be waived if safety of Company personnel while at the premises is a consideration.	
I.	Discontinuance of service to a unit for any reason shall not prevent the Company from pursuing any lawful remedy by action at law or otherwise for the collection of monies due from the Customer.	
J.	In case the Company discontinues its service for any violation of these Rules and Regulations, then any monies due the Company shall become immediately due and payable.	
K.	The Company has the right to refuse or to discontinue service to any unit to protect itself against fraud or abuse.	
L.	The Company shall deal with Customers, handle Customer accounts, and manage discontinuance of service procedures in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission's Utility Billing Practices.	
М.	Applicable Turn-off and turn-on charges are specified in the Schedule of Service Charges.	
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#### Rule 8 TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE AT CUSTOMER'S REQUEST

- A. Service will be terminated at the Customer's request, by giving not less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to the Company during its regular office hours. The Company shall, on the requested day, read the Customer's meter and charges for water service rendered up to and including the time of termination shall be computed and will become due and payable immediately.
- B. A Customer may request temporary turn-off by the Company for the Customer's own convenience; however, the Customer shall still be charged for service at the appropriate rate as specified in the Schedule of Rates during the time the service is turned off.
- C. Turn-off and turn-on charges shall apply, and are specified in the Schedule of Service Charges.
- D. A Customer who requests termination of service, but returns to the premises and requests water service within nine (9) months of such termination, at the Company's discretion may be deemed to have been a seasonal customer, and applicable charges incurred during the period of absence may apply.

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#### Rule 9 INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE

- A. The Company reserves the right to discontinue water in its mains at any time, without notice, for making emergency repairs to the water system. Whenever service is interrupted for scheduled repairs or maintenance, Customers affected by such interruptions will be notified in advance whenever it is possible to do so. Every effort will be made to minimize interruption of service.
- B. No refunds of charges for water service will be made for interruptions of service unless due to willful misconduct of the Company.
- C. In order to avoid service problems when extraordinary conditions exist, the Company reserves the right, at all times, to determine the limit of and regulate water usage in a reasonable and non-discriminatory manner.

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#### Rule 10 BILLS FOR SERVICE

- A. The charges for water service shall be at the rates specified in the Schedule of Rates in these Rules and Regulations. Other applicable service charges are set forth in the Schedule of Service Charges in these Rules and Regulations.
- B. A Customer who has made application for, or is receiving the benefit of, water service to a unit shall be responsible for payment for all water service provided to the Customer at said unit from the date of connection until the date requested by the Customer by proper notification to the Company to terminate service.
- C. Each Customer is responsible for furnishing the Company with the correct address. Failure to receive bills will not be considered an excuse for non-payment nor reason to permit an extension of the date when the account would be considered delinquent. Bills and notices relating to the Company or its business will be mailed or delivered to the mailing address entered in the Customer's application unless the Company is notified in writing by the Customer of a change of address.
- D. Payments shall be made at the office of the Company or at such other places conveniently located as may be designated by the Company, by ordinary mail, or by electronic methods employed by the Company. Payment must be received by the close of business on the date due, unless the date due falls on a non-business day in which case payment must be received by the next business day.
- E. Neither the Company nor the Customer will be bound by bills rendered under mistake of fact as to the quantity of service rendered or as a result of clerical error. Customers will be held responsible for charges based on service provided.
- F. A separate bill shall be rendered for each Customer with itemization of all water service charges. All bills for service shall state the due date. The Company shall render bills monthly.
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G.	Monthly bills shall be due twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of rendition, unless such due date falls on a Sunday, a legal holiday, or other day when the office is closed, in which case the due date shall be extended to the next business day. Bills unpaid after the stated due date will be delinquent and the Company shall have the right to discontinue service in accordance with Rule 7. Delinquent bills may be subject to a late charge as provided in the Schedule of Service Charges. The Company shall not be required to restore or connect any new service for such delinquent Customers until the unpaid account due the Company under these Rules and Regulations has been paid in full or arrangements satisfactory to the Company have been made to pay said account.	
H.	When bills are rendered for a period of less than a complete billing period due to the connection or termination of service, the billing shall be the monthly or quarterly minimum plus an amount based on the water used at the commodity (water usage) rate or one-half $(1/2)$ of the flat rate if applicable.	
I.	The Company may require a security deposit or other guarantee as a condition of new service if the Customer:	
	1. Still has an unpaid account with a utility providing the same type of service accrued within the last five (5) years; or,	
	2. Has diverted or interfered with the same type of service in an unauthorized manner within the last five (5) years; or,	
	3. Is unable to establish a credit rating with the Company. Adequate credit rating for a residential Customer shall be established if the Customer:	
	a. Owns or is purchasing a home; or,	
	b. Is and has been regularly employed full time for at least one (1) year; or,	

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	c. Has an adequate and regular source of income; or
	d. Can provide credit references from a commercial credit source.
J.	The Company may require a security deposit or other acceptable written guarantee of payment as a condition of continued service if:
	1. The water service of the Customer has been discontinued for non-payment of a delinquent account not in dispute; or,
	2. The utility service to the unit has been diverted or interfered with in an unauthorized manner; or,
	3. The Customer has failed to pay undisputed bills before the delinquency date for five (5) billing periods out of twelve (12) consecutive monthly billing periods.
K.	The amount of a security deposit shall not exceed utility charges applicable to one (1) billing period plus thirty (30) days, computed on estimated or actual annual usage.
L.	Interest shall be payable annually on all deposits, but shall not accrue after the utility has made reasonable effort to return the deposit. Interest will be paid at a per annum rate equal to the prime bank lending rate, as published in the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> for the last business day of the preceding calendar year, plus one (1) percentage point. Interest may be credited to the Customer's account.
M.	After a Customer has paid proper and undisputed utility bills by the due dates, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, credit shall be established or re-established, and the deposit and any interest due shall be refunded. The utility may withhold full refund of the deposit pending resolution of a disputed matter.
N.	The utility shall give a receipt for deposits received, but shall also keep accurate
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	records of deposits, including Customer name, service address, amounts, interest, attempts to refund and dates of every activity regarding the deposit.	
О.	All billing matters shall be handled in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules and Regulations regarding Utility Billing Practices, 4 CSR 240-13.	
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#### Rule 11 METERS AND METER INSTALLATIONS

- A. When water meters are utilized for billing, the Company shall furnish and install a suitable meter for each Customer, and the Company's installed meter shall be the standard for measuring water used to determine the bill. All meters shall be furnished, installed, maintained and removed by the Company and shall remain its property.
- B. The Company shall have the right to determine, on the basis of the Customer's flow requirements, the type and size of meter to be installed and location of same. No meter size selection will be based solely on the size of the Customer's service line. If flow requirements increase or decrease subsequent to installation and a larger or smaller meter is requested by the Customer, the cost of installing such larger or smaller meter shall be paid by the Customer.
- C. Domestic water service to any one Customer at a single premises shall be furnished through a single service connection. Individual units of a multi-unit building may have separate connections and meter installations only if each unit has separate plumbing, ground-level space, an individual service connection and meter installation location, and frontage to a Company-owned main. For multi-unit buildings with one service connection and meter installation, the inside piping may be rearranged at the Customer's own expense so as to separate the units and meter tenants, then divide the bill accordingly.
- D. The owners of premises wherein meters are located shall be held responsible for the safekeeping of the Company's meters and metering appurtenances, and are required to keep meters located within their property accessible to the Company for reading and for meter changeouts. If a Customer limits accessibility, or fails to protect a meter against damage, the Company may discontinue service and/or refuse to supply water until accessibility is restored and the Company is paid for any such damage. The amount of the charge shall be the cost of the necessary replacement parts and the labor cost necessary to make the repair.
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- E. If the Company determines that no suitable outdoor location is available, then the meter may be installed inside the Customer's premises where the water service line enters the building and just downstream of the inside shutoff valve. The Company shall install a curb stop within the service connection at or near the property line as practical. When the meter is installed inside the Customer's premises, the Customer will either provide a meter yoke to accept installation of the Company's meter, or provide proper fittings for the house plumbing pipe to allow for direct installation of the Company's meter, along with a proper grounding strap installed around the meter to prevent electric charge build-up on either side of the meter or while a meter is removed. If installation in a special setting is necessary, the excess cost of installation shall be paid by the Customer.
- F. If an existing basement meter location is determined by the Company to be inadequate or inaccessible, then the Customer must provide for the installation of a meter to be located at or near the Customer's property line. The Customer shall furnish or obtain from the Company, as appropriate, the necessary meter installation appurtenances conforming to the Company's specifications, and the cost of said appurtenances and labor shall be paid by the Customer.
- G. Approved meter installation locations in dry basements, sufficiently heated to keep the meter from freezing, may remain provided the meter is readily accessible, at the Company's and Customer's convenience as determined by the Company, for servicing and reading and the meter space provided is located where the service line enters the building. The Company may, at its discretion, require the Customer to install a remote reading device at an approved location, for the purpose of reading the meter. It is the responsibility of the Customer and/or the owner of the premises to provide a location for the water meter which, in the event of water discharge as a result of leakage from the meter or couplings, will not result in damage. The Company's liability for damages to any and all property caused by such leakage shall in no event exceed the price of water service to the affected premises for one average billing period in the preceding year. Where damage is caused by the negligence of Company personnel at the premises, this
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	limitation will not apply. If a Customer refuses to provide an accessible location for a meter as determined by the Company, the Company will notify the Staff of the Water and Sewer Unit of the Missouri Public Service Commission before ultimately refusing service or proceeding to discontinue service.	
H.	The Customer shall promptly notify the Company of any defect in, or damage to, the meter setting.	
I.	Any change in the location of any existing meter or meter setting at the request of the Customer shall be made at the expense of the Customer, and with the approval of the Company.	
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#### Rule 12 METER TESTS AND TEST FEES

- A. Any Customer may request the Company to make a special test of the accuracy of the meter through which water is supplied to the Customer. This test will be made in accordance with water industry test procedures, and to check for accuracy as required by Regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission.
- B. The Company reserves the right to remove and test a meter at any time and to substitute another in its place. In case of a dispute involving a question as to the accuracy of the meter, a test will be made by the Company upon the request of the Customer without charge if the meter has not been tested within twelve (12) months preceding the requested test; otherwise, an approved charge will be made if the test indicates meter accuracy within five percent (5%).
- C. A meter test requested by the Customer may be witnessed by the Customer or the Customer's duly authorized representative, except for tests of meters larger than two inch (2") inlet, which will be conducted by the water manufacturer. A certified copy of the test report will be provided to the Customer.
- D. If a test shows an average error of more than five percent (5%), billings shall be adjusted in accordance with Rule 13.

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#### Rule 13 BILL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON METER TESTS

- A. Whenever any test by the Company of a meter while in service or upon its removal from service shall show such meter to have an average error of more than five percent (5%) on the test streams prescribed by the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Company shall adjust the Customer's bills by the amount of the actual average error of the meter and not the difference between the allowable error and the error as found. The period of adjustment on account of the underregistration or over-registration shall be determined as follows:
  - 1. Where the period of error can be shown, the adjustment shall be made for such period; or
  - 2. Where the period of error cannot be shown, the error found shall be considered to have existed for three (3) months preceding the test.
- B. If the meter is found on any such test to under-register, the Company may render a bill to the Customer for the estimated consumption not covered by bills previously rendered during the period of inaccuracy as above outlined. Such action shall be taken only when the Company was not at fault for allowing the inaccurate meter to remain in service.
- C. If the meter is found on any such test to over-register, the Company shall refund to the Customer any overcharge caused during the period of inaccuracy as above defined. The refund shall be paid within a reasonable time and may be in the form of a bill credit.

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#### Rule 14 EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

- A. This rule shall govern the extension of mains by the Company within its certified area where there are no water mains.
- B. Upon receipt of a written application for a main extension, the Company will provide the applicant(s) an itemized estimate of the cost of the proposed extension. Said estimate shall include the cost of all labor and materials required, including valves, fire hydrants, booster stations, storage facilities, reconstruction of existing mains (if necessary), and the direct costs associated with supervision, engineering, permits, and bookkeeping. The estimate will not include unanticipated costs such as rock excavation.
- C. Applicant(s) shall enter into a contract with the Company for the installation of said extension and shall tender to the Company the amount determined in paragraph B. above. Any applicable New Service Connection Fee will become due after the cost incurred by the Company has been ascertained, as per Rule 5 B. 1. or 3., and as specified in the Schedule of Service Charges. The contract may allow the Customer to contract with an independent contractor for the installation and supply of material, except that mains of twelve inches (12") or greater diameter must be installed by the Company, and the reconstruction of existing facilities must be done by the Company.
- D. The cost to single-family residential applicant(s) connecting to a main extension for which other applicant(s) paid an amount determined in paragraph B., above, subject to subsequent adjustments for actual cost, shall be as follows:
  - 1. For single-family residential applicant(s) applying for service in a platted subdivision, the Company shall divide the actual cost of the extension by the number of lots abutting said extension to determine the per lot extension cost. When counting lots, corner lots which abut existing mains shall be excluded.
  - 2. For single-family residential applicant(s) applying for service in areas that are
- \* Indicates new rate or text
- + Indicates change

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# P.S.C. MO No. 2 Canceling P.S.C. MO No. 1

Name of Utility: Spokane Highlands Water Company

Service Area: Spokane Highlands Subdivision

	Rules and Regulations Governing Rendering of Water Service
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	unplatted in subdivision lots, an applicant(s) cost shall be equal to the total cost of the main extension divided by the total length of the main extension in feet times one hundred (100) feet.
3.	For industrial, commercial, or multifamily residential applicants, the cost will be equal to the amount calculated for a single-family residence in paragraphs D.1. or D.2. above, multiplied by the flow factors of the applicants' meter. The flow factors of the various sizes of meters are as follows:
	Meter Size Flow Factor
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	efunds of funds paid by applicant(s) for any estimated costs or actual costs of a ain extension shall be made to such applicant(s) as follows:
1.	Should the actual cost of the extension be less than the estimated cost, the Company shall refund the difference to the applicant(s) as soon as the actual cost has been ascertained.
2.	During the first ten (10) years after the main extension is completed, the Company will refund to the applicant(s) who paid for the extension the money collected from applicant(s) in accordance with paragraph D. above. The refund shall be paid within a reasonable time after the money is collected.
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	3. The sum of all refunds to any applicant shall not exceed the total amount which the applicant(s) has paid.			
F.	Extensions made under this rule shall be and remain the property of the Company.			
G.	The Company reserves the right to further extend the main and to connect mains on intersecting streets and easements. Connecting new Customers to such further extensions shall not entitle the applicant(s) paying for the original extension to a refund for the connection of such Customers.			
H.	Extensions made under this rule shall be of Company-approved pipe sized to meet water service requirements. If the Company chooses to size the extension larger in order to meet the Company's overall system requirements, the additional cost caused by the larger size of pipe shall be borne by the Company.			
I.	No interest will be paid by the Company of payments for the extension made by the applicant(s).			
J.	If extensions are required on private roads, streets, through private property, or on private property adjacent to public right-of-way, a proper deed of easement must be furnished to the Company without cost to the Company, before the extension will be made.			
*	Indicates new rate or text			
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Billing Comparison Worksheet

# SPOKANE HIGHLANDS WATER COMPANY

# **Residential Customer Bill Comparison-Water**

Rates for 5/8" Meter				
Current Base	Proposed Base	Current	Proposed	
Customer Charge	Customer Charge	Usage Rate	Usage Rate	
\$12.38	\$14.67	\$3.56	\$4.22	
ο current service charge is mont	¥ · · · · · ·	<b>\$3.30</b>	<b><b></b></b>	

current service charge is monthly charge usage rate is per 1,000 gallons used

MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON			
4,500 gallons/month u	sage		
Current Rates			
Customer Charge	\$	12.38	
Usage Charge	\$ \$	16.02	
Total Bill	\$	28.40	
Proposed Rates			
Customer Charge	\$	14.67	
Usage Charge	\$ \$	18.98	
Total Bill	\$	33.65	
INCREASES			
Customer Charge			
Customer Charge \$ Increase	\$	32.29	
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# Agreement Attachment G

Water & Sewer Unit Memorandum

#### REPORT OF WATER AND SEWER UNIT FIELD OPERATIONS AND TARIFF REVIEW Water and Sewer Unit Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company David Spratt / James Russo

#### Introduction

The Commission's Water and Sewer Unit Staff's (Staff) investigation of Spokane Highlands Water Company (Spokane Highlands or Company) for this case included an annual inspection on November 12, 2014 to examine the Company's facilities, operations, and any upgrades made to the water system. The Company provides service in a development known as Spokane Highlands. Currently this development has 49 homes, of which all of them are customers of the Company. The Company was issued a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) by the Commission in August 1996, Case No. WA-96-246. Raymond and Vona Ross are the owners of the water system. The Rosses purchased the stock of the Company in July of 2009 when they purchased the home at 290 Highlands Drive from Martin and Olivia Turner. Everett Williams, a water specialist with an "A" level water certification and a DS III certification, is contracted by the Company as its licensed operator. Mr. Ross performs the daily operations of the system working under the license of Mr. Williams and Mrs. Ross handles the billing and accounting for the Company.

As part of Staff's investigation, Staff reviewed the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) which is provided to the customer by the Company as per requirements of DNR. The CCR summarizes the results of water samples submitted by the Company to DNR and discloses to customers levels of various contaminants in the drinking water, and compliance with drinking water regulations. The CCR indicates that the water meets DNR standards for safe drinking water. No customer of Spokane Highlands has made a negative comment about the quality of the water being provided. Staff has determined that there are no compliance issues, and thus no health or safety issues that need to be addressed with respect to existing water quality.

This Water and Sewer Unit report regarding field operations and the Company tariff was prepared jointly by Staff members David Spratt and James Russo. The Staff member responsible for each section is denoted at the end of each section.

## Source of Supply

The Company's source of supply is a deep groundwater well drilled 1,001 feet deep, with a 15 horsepower, three-phase, 440 volt submersible pump. The submersible pump

consists of a pump and motor combined as one assembly unit that is located 401 feet deep in the well that produces approximately 75 gallons per minute (gpm) from a six-inch well. The pump was most recently replaced in 2009 prior to the Rosses purchasing the system. The master meter is on the distribution side of the piping after the storage and pressure tanks. This means that well production is being measured based on the amount of water being distributed to the system rather than the amount being pumped into storage. The only issue with this setup is that the well production rate, in gallons per minute, cannot be determined instantly. If there is a problem with the well pump production such as, a leaking foot valve, leaking drop pipe, or deteriorated pump impellors, it will not be noticed quickly. However, any leak between the well pump and the storage tank should normally be detected readily because water would be present in the wellhouse or at ground level near the wellhouse and tank. There is a slight water leak inside the wellhouse that the Company believes can be repaired rather easily. Staff has encouraged the Company to hire a plumber to fix it and review the piping of the wellhouse with the Company.

The Company's well and wellhouse are both located at the northwest part of the service area. A map of the service area is provided in the example tariff sheets located in the Disposition Agreement filing packet as attachment E. Chlorine is used for disinfection. The chlorine tank is inside the wellhouse and is currently not vented to the outside. The tank should be vented to the outside because chlorine vapors are toxic and corrosive. A tube could be inserted in the back cap (much like there is in the front cap that runs through the pump) and could easily be run through the exterior wall next to the tank to vent outside. The piping of the system located inside the wellhouse has some corrosion and needs to be brushed and painted to protect it.

The wellhead is outside of the wellhouse in a smaller enclosed structure referred to as a "doghouse." The doghouse is insulated and covered but the lid is not chained or locked. For safety and security, the roof of the doghouse should be locked. Inside, the doghouse is insulated to protect the pipes from freezing. There is also a light inside the doghouse to provide some heat in the space to prevent the pipes from freezing. At the time of Staff's inspection the light bulb was out. The electrical wires at the wellhead did not have silicone caulk around them to prevent any sort of infiltration of dust, dirt, insects, or contaminated condensation into the well. Staff recommends sealing around the electrical wires with silicone caulk to protect the water source.

Pressure is maintained using two booster pumps and four eighty-six gallon bladder pressure tanks. Each bladder tank contains about 25 gallons of usable water, while the remainder of the tank is filled with pressurized air to force water into the distribution system to maintain a pressure range as the booster pumps cycle on and off. At the time of Staff's visit, one of the bladder tanks was water logged. Staff recommends that the

Company replace the bladder tank. The Company indicated that it intends to replace the bladder tank.

At the time of Staff's visit, booster pump number one was making a loud banging noise when it ceased operation. The Company believes it was the check valve as it reportedly sounded the same as booster pump number two had recently before the check valve was replaced. (Spratt)

# Storage

Water is stored in a 15,000 gallon ground storage tank. The current DNR *Design Standards for Missouri Community Water Systems* (effective August 29, 2003) recommends on page 28, Chapter 3.2.1.2 (c) "[P]ublic drinking water systems serving less than 500 people should have more than one well and should be capable of meeting design maximum day demand with the largest producing well out of service." Staff believes this system has adequate water storage. In the event of a well pump failure, the Company would have sufficient water storage for one day of use. If the water system loses electrical power, then the high service pumps would not run and the ground storage tank would not be usable. The bladder tanks are not intended to provide adequate storage volume during such a time. Due to the configuration of the system a generator could be important in the event of a power outage. The Company does not own a generator but could have one delivered by the contract operator or its pump company if needed.

DNR recommends that water utilities have the inside of the water storage tanks inspected every three to five years. While the Company is not required by law or regulation to have the tank inspected and cleaned or painted, this type of maintenance can prolong the life of the storage tank. Staff recommends that the Company contact tank inspection companies and get competitive bids for inspecting and cleaning the tanks as well as maintenance expenses that the Company may incur. (Spratt)

# **Distribution System**

The Company has 5,600 feet of six-inch PVC water mains which runs along Highlands Drive with 3,750 feet of two-inch PVC mains branching off to each of a series of dead end roads to the north and south to serve its 49 homes. There are no commercial customers in this development. Each of the dead end mains have flush valves on the ends so the Company can flush the system at least once a year in order to minimize sediment and risk of bacteriological contamination. (Spratt)

# Operations

The Company reads the master meter and the electric meter in conjunction with reading the customers meters to determine water loss. Mr. Ross visits the wellhouse daily to ensure the system is operating properly but does not document the master meter reading each day. Staff recommends that the Company begin to read the master meter daily and document the reading on a calendar available inside the wellhouse. The Company has replaced a few meters since taking over operation of the water company and plans to continue to change meters as needed. Staff has encouraged the Company to continue to replace more to follow the PSC meter change out regulation in 4 CSR 240-10.030 Standards of Quality. (Spratt)

## Security

The wellhouse is near the Ross' home so it can be watched or the Company can hear cars driving onto the property; however, there should be some level of deterrent across the driveway entrance at a minimum to keep people from driving on to the property. Staff recommends at a minimum putting a chain across the driveway. The entrance door is locked with a regular key lock, but should probably have a dead bolt lock installed for more protection. The door frame is rotten and needs to be replaced. Staff recommends that the door frame be replaced and reinforced and a deadbolt lock be installed for security purposes. The roof on the doghouse protecting the wellhead is not locked and should be locked to prevent access to the wellhead from people other than the Company. Staff recommends securing the doghouse by locking it. In addition, there is no emergency contact information posted at the wellhouse. The Company should have its number posted on the outside of the wellhouse and should have emergency contact numbers posted inside the wellhouse. (Spratt)

# **Tariff Review**

While at the Company's office, Staff reviewed a current copy of the tariff with the owner. Spokane Highland's Original tariff became effective October 6, 1996 after the Commission issued a CCN to the Company. Revised rates and service charges became effective May 7, 2008 as authorized in Case No. WR-2008-0314. Staff has reviewed the tariff and is recommending the Company replace the entire tariff with a new replacement tariff that is based on Staff's current generic water tariff, but modified for Spokane Highlands. Staff is including a water service connection inspection fee and a water service line inspection fee. These two charges are not included in the current tariff and this change allows the customer to save some of the costs associated with new water service by installing the service connection at the same time the customer water service line is being installed. The Company does not have the equipment to install the service connection and would need to contract that service out which would be an additional cost to the customer. Staff has replaced the language in the previous tariff about late charges from five dollars per month with a maximum of fifteen dollars to the late charge language Staff has been recommending in other small company rate cases. The recommended language is five dollars or three percent with the greater amount being added to the delinquent bill in accordance with Rule 10 G the proposed tariff P.S.C. MO No. 2. Staff has also updated the tariff to include the recent changes made to Chapter 13. (Russo)

# Rate Design

Staff reviewed the current rate design and is not making any recommendations changing the existing rate design. Currently, all of the Company's customers pay a monthly rate plus a commodity charge per one-thousand gallons of water used. (Russo)

# **Conclusion and Recommendations**

Staff of the Water and Sewer Unit finds that the water system is in good physical condition for its age, and is operating properly at this time. The Staff of the Water and Sewer Unit makes the following recommendations: (Spratt)

- The Commission cancel the current PSC MO Number 1 water tariff and approve the PSC MO Number 2 water tariff filed by the Company.
- Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this tariff, the Company will post Company contact information on the outside of the wellhouse.
- Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this tariff, the Company will place a copy of an emergency plan inside of the wellhouse including procedures and contact information.
- Within one hundred twenty (120) days the Company will replace the door frame and install a dead bolt lock on the door for security purposes.
- Within one hundred twenty (120) days the Company will lock the doghouse lid to protect the wellhead.

# Agreement Attachment H

# Auditing Unit Recommendation Memorandum

## AUDITING, DEPRECIATION and FINANCIAL ANALYSIS UNITS' RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM

FROM:	William Harris, Matthew Young and Joel Molina, Staff, Auditing Unit
THROUGH	Cary Featherstone, Co-Case Coordinator, Auditing Unit
TO:	Jim Russo, Case Coordinator, Water and Sewer Unit
CC:	Kevin Thompson, Lead Attorney, Staff Counsel
SUBJECT:	Auditing, Depreciation and Financial Analysis Units' Findings and the Recommended Cost of Service for Spokane Highlands Water Company, Inc. in Case No. WR-2015-0104
DATE:	January 22, 2015 (Revised February 3, 2015)

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In response to Spokane Highlands Water Company's ("Spokane" or "Company") October 24, 2014 request for a rate increase, the Auditing Unit Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") conducted an audit of the Company using a 12-month test year ended December 31, 2013 and updated through the known and measurable period ended December 31, 2014. As further explained throughout this memorandum, Staff is recommending an increase of \$3,065, or 18.48%, to the Company's existing annual water system operating revenues.

#### PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On October 24, 2014, Spokane filed a letter with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in accordance with the provisions of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure ("Small Company Procedure"), requesting a rate increase of \$5,000, or approximately 30.14% increase over its existing annual water service operating revenues. In its request letter, the Company acknowledged that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions would be reviewed during the Staff's review of the revenue increase request, and could be the subject of Staff recommendations. The Company provides service to approximately 49 customers in its certificated service area in Christian County, Missouri.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Small Company Procedure and related internal operating procedures, the Staff initiated a rate audit of the Company's books and records, a review of the Company's customer service and

general business practices, a review of the Company's existing tariff, an inspection of the Company's facilities and a review of the Company's operation of its facilities. (Hereafter, these activities are collectively referred to as the Staff's "investigation" of the Company's Request.)

#### **BACKGROUND OF SPOKANE**

The Commission granted the Company a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to provide water service to the residents of Spokane Highlands subdivision in Case No. WA-96-246, with the original tariffs effective on October 6, 1996. In Case No. WR-2008-0314 (the "2008 rate case"), the Commission approved a Unanimous Agreement to increase rates by \$2,807 effective on May 7, 2008. The Company is currently owned and operated by Mr. Raymond Ross and Mrs. Vona Ross who acquired the Company from Mr. Martin Turner and Mrs. Olivia Turner in June, 2009. The Company's current owners purchased 100% of Spokane's stock and assumed management of the water company. The current owners have not requested a rate increase since acquiring the Company in June 2009.

Spokane's current owners are responsible for fulfilling the managerial and operational duties related to owning a water company. Mr. Ross primarily performs all operational duties not requiring a certified plant operator, including weekly well usage readings, customer service, routine maintenance, and other managerial functions relating to the operations of the water company. For operational duties that require a certified operator, the Company contracts with Everett Williams. Ms. Ross primarily oversees all financial matters including the billing and collection function, record keeping, filing of the Commission's annual reports, and maintaining the PSC Assessments.

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Company's capital structure consists of 0.00 percent (0.00%) debt and 100.00 percent (100.00%) equity. Staff witness Shana Griffin, of the Commission's Financial Analysis Unit, calculated a return on equity of 8.01 percent (8.01%) and a total overall rate of return of 8.01 percent (8.01%) for Spokane.

#### RATE BASE

The Unanimous Agreement in Spokane's most recent rate case, Case No. WR-2008-0314, established a rate base value of \$33,198. Since that case, there has not been a significant change in the utility's infrastructure. During Staff's investigation, some plant investments were recognized including water pump replacements, meter replacement, computer and lawn mower purchases, and repairs to the distribution system that extended the system's useful life. With respect to the lawn mower and computer, Staff has allocated a percentage of the

costs of this equipment to the utility operations, since the equipment is partly used for personal use by the owners. Also, Staff recognized retirements of the utility's plant-in-service since the Company's last rate case. Using standard rate base accounting methods, Staff calculated rate base as of the known and measurable update period, December 31, 2014, as presented in the following table:

Spokane Highlands Water Company Rate Case No	o. WR-2015-0104	
Rate Base		
Plant in Service	\$80,364	
Less: Depreciation Reserve	\$49,922	
Net Plant (Add to Rate Base)		\$30,442
Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC)	\$29,466	
Less: CIAC Depreciation Offset	\$22,246	
Net CIAC (Subtract from Rate Base)		(\$7,220)
Materials & Supplies – Plant Inventory (Meters) (Add to Rate Base)		<u>\$104</u>
Spokane Highlands Water Company Rate Base as of December 31, 2014		\$23,326

Source: Attachment B-- Exhibit Modeling System—Accounting Schedule 2

#### Plant in Service and Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC)

CIAC is capital contributed by outside entities (generally real estate developers which utility customers ultimately pay through the purchase of lots and houses and amounts actually paid for by customers themselves). Since CIAC is not an investment by the utility, Staff has treated it as an offset to net plant in service. During Staff's investigation, no evidence was found of recent funds received by the utility or a retirement of plant-inservice that effect CIAC. Therefore, the 2008 rate case CIAC totalswere maintained as adjusted for the amortization of CIAC over time.

#### Depreciation and Depreciation Rate Overview.

Spokane is currently using depreciation rates approved by the Commission in Case No. WR-2008-0314, Spokane's most recent rate case. Since the 2008 rate case, Spokane has purchased a computer and a lawn mower not properly includable in any of the accounts with approved depreciation rates. Staff also noted that

Spokane's balance in Account 346, Meters, includes meters and meter installations (installations should be accounted for separately). Engineering and Management Services Unit ("EMSU") Staff expert Derick Miles recommended depreciation rates for Spokane's water operations as shown in Attachment D (see attached file) including recommended rates for newly established Account 372.1 - Office Computers and Electronic Equipment, Account 379, Other General Equipment and Account 347, Meter Installations. Staff witness Miles also made adjustments to eliminate reserve over-accruals by rebalancing reserve levels.

The rules followed by Staff as a basis for applying depreciation to Spokane Highlands Water Company plant accounts are the Missouri Code of State Regulations, more explicitly 4 CSR 240-50.030 which specifies the use of the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) issued by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in 1973, as revised in 1976 for water utilities.

For Spokane, the basis for Staff's recommended depreciation rates are the Staff's standard depreciation rates schedules for small water companies. Staff's standard depreciation schedules were created decades ago by engineering experts in the Commission Staff Water and Sewer Unit. Depreciation rates from depreciation studies of large water and sewer companies in St. Louis, Kansas City, and St. Joseph areas were used as a basis and were subsequently modified over years of observations by Staff experienced in the operation and maintenance of small water and sewer companies. Periodic reviews of these schedules are conducted by engineering experts from the Engineering and Management Services Unit and the Water and Sewer Unit. The most recent review of recommended depreciation rates was conducted in March of 2013, with an emphasis on the net salvage component of the standard depreciation rates for each class of small water and sewer companies.

The general USOA definition of depreciation is:

The loss in service value not restored by current maintenance, incurred in connection with the consumption or prospective retirement of utility plant in the course of providing service from causes which are known to be in current operation and against which the utility is not protected by insurance. Among the causes to be given consideration are wear and tear, decay, action of the elements, inadequacy, obsolescence, changes in the art, changes in demand, and requirements of public.

This broad definition does not provide guidance as to the practice of computing a regulatory depreciation rate and applying depreciation expense as a component of customer rates. The basic formula for Missouri regulatory depreciation utilized by Staff was defined by the Commission in a Report and Order issued March 10, 2005, for Empire District Electric Company in rate case No. ER-2004-0570. The Commission-defined depreciation rate equation and component definitions are consistent with the USOA definitions and are represented as follows:

Depreciation Expense = (Depreciation Rate) \* (Total Original Cost of Plant in Service)

Depreciation Rate % =  $\frac{100 - (\text{Net Salvage \%})}{\text{ASL}} = \frac{100}{\text{ASL}} - \frac{\text{Net Salvage \%}}{\text{ASL}}$ 

The average service life (ASL) is the average number of years the <u>dollars</u> in a specific account are expected to remain in service. ASL is determined using past plant retirement history from the utility in question if sufficient history is available from that utility. If sufficient plant retirement history is unavailable, Staff reviews and considers the retirement histories of utilities with similar operations. Net salvage (also referred to as Salvage Value) is gross salvage minus the cost of removal. Cost of removal is the cost of demolishing, dismantling, tearing down or otherwise removing utility plant, including the cost of transportation and handling incidentals thereto. Net salvage is also determined using past retirement history from the utility in question if sufficient history is available from that utility, or if that history is unavailable, from the retirement histories of utilities with similar operations. Net salvage percentage is computed as follows:

Net Salvage = gross salvage - cost of removal

Salvage % = <u>Net Salvage \$</u> \* 100 Retirement \$

Gross salvage and cost of removal information is collected whenever plant and equipment is retired. This includes interim net salvage where equipment is replaced in an ongoing "living" utility system or terminal net salvage when an entire facility is removed from service and disposed of.

Under the above traditional depreciation rate equation, the depreciation rate is applied to the total plant account's original cost. Net salvage is thus applied to the total plant in service in a straight line method over the expected life of the dollars in service. If the expected cost of removal exceeds the expected gross salvage, (producing a negative net salvage), the amount that should be in the accumulated reserves at the end of the ASL will be greater than the original cost. Example: If net salvage is a negative 10%, then at the end of the average service life, the accumulated reserves should exceed the original cost by 10%. As the physical equipment

approaches its average expected service life for an account, that account will contribute a negative rate base component to the computation of customer rates. It is in this manner that customers are compensated for accrued depreciation expense funds being held by the company for future use.

#### **REVENUES**

Consistent with other small water and sewer rate cases, Staff annualized revenues through December 31, 2014 using the current customer count of 48 commodity customers (49 fixed) and the monthly customer charge of \$12.38 approved in Case No. WR-2008-0314. Staff normalized the water usage by averaging the usage for each customer by month. The normalized usage was then used to calculate the annualized commodity revenues using the tariff rate approved in Case No. WR-2008-0314 of \$3.56 per 1000 gallons. The annualized customer charge and commodity charge were added to obtain the total annualized revenues.

Late payment fees of \$5.00, per occurrence, were collected by Spokane in accordance with the current authorized tariffs. Staff reviewed the late payment fees collected by the Company for the period of 2011-2014. Staff included a normalized level of late payment fees.

#### **EXPENSES**

Staff reviewed the level of expenses by account for Spokane for the calendar years of 2011, 2012, 2013, and updated through December 31, 2014. Each account was individually normalized or annualized and Staff made adjustments to include the most appropriate level of expenses for the revenue requirement calculation. Attached as Appendix A to this Memorandum is a table that identifies the adjustments made to the test year expenses updated through the known and measurable period ended December 31, 2014, by account. These adjustments are reflected in the Staff's revenue requirement calculation.

During the investigation, Staff found that the Company did not maintain records to identify how much time is required for utility related matters. Also, utility management indicated that they were not taking any salary for providing water service. Even though the owners did not take compensation for services they provide, Staff included salary amounts for each of the owners since each owner performs various activities in order to operate the water system. To determine an appropriate level of compensation for utility personnel, Staff interviewed the owners to determine what job duties and responsibilities each performed to meet customers' needs. Once these job duties were identified, Staff compared those job categories to data compiled by Missouri Economic Research and Information Center ("MERIC"), a division for the Missouri Department of Economic

Development, to obtain market wages for jobs similar to the work performed by the utility in the utility's region and the appropriate job classification. The six job titles selected for evaluation are 1) Maintenance and Repair Workers General, 2) Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks, 3) Landscape and Groundskeeper Worker, 4) Meter Readers Utilities, 5) Billing and Posting Clerk and 6) Customer Service Representatives. During the investigation, Staff interviewed management to obtain an understanding of the time required for utility functions. Using this information, Staff determined the proper amount of time to allow for Mr. Ross was 235 hours annually and 170 hours annually for Mrs. Ross. Staff then combined the time spent with the average MERIC wages to calculate a fair value of compensation for each individual's time and the necessary payroll taxes related to the compensation.

The owners have reserved a room in their residence solely for utility business. As such, Staff allocated several of the home's costs to Spokane using two methods. The first method of allocating costs used a ratio of the square footage of the space dedicated to the water company versus the square footage of the whole home (approximately 5.83% of the space). The costs allocated with this method include the mortgage payment and utility bills. The second method used to allocate costs was a ratio of the square footage of the land dedicated to the water company versus the square footage of the space). The method was used for expenses related to property taxes and lawn care which is consistent with the treatment of the lawn mower addition in rate base.

Staff has included the labor cost of replacing four (4) meters per year on the basis of recommendation made by the Commission's Water and Sewer Unit of the Operations Division. However, the Company must commit to make these meter replacements if these costs are to remain in the cost of service.

Staff annualized the Commission's annual assessment based on the most current information available.

Staff obtained information on the amount of time the Company spent processing the request for a rate increase. Staff recognized the time spent using MERIC average wages and amortized the expense over a five (5) year period.

#### **AUDITING RECOMMENDATIONS**

 Staff recommends Spokane develop detailed time sheets to record work assignments and the actual time needed to complete each utility related work assignment. This reporting should be detailed enough to provide sufficient opportunity to audit this information for accuracy of actual time spent on each activity being performed by Spokane employees. The reporting should provide a break down between expenses and costs that should be capitalized for construction related activities. This information should be sufficient to support the salaries and wages included in establishing rates. This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in this case, Case No. WR-2015-0104.

- 2. Staff recommends Spokane develop a transportation log to record mileage accumulated in conjunction with day-to-day operations of the water system. The log should include travel dates, actual miles traveled and purpose of the travel for each travel entry.
- 3. Staff recommends the Company correct its books and records to reflect the adjusted plant, depreciation reserve, and contributions in aid of construction balances reflected in the Staff Accounting Schedules, Attachment B, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in this case, Case No WR-2015-0104.
- 4. Staff recommends the Company maintain sufficient records, including invoices and receipts, to support future additions and retirements of plant in service.
- 5. Staff recommends the Company maintains its books and records in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) issued by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in 1973, as revised in 1976 for water utilities.
- 6. Staff recommends the Commission approve an increase in the Company's annual operating revenues of \$3,065, or 18.48% rate increase.

# Appendix A

# Expense Adjustment Table

Account Number	Account Name	Adjustment Number	Dollar Amount	Reason for Adjustment
620.000	Power Purchased for Pumping (Elect Well House)	E-5	(\$225)	To annualize electric expense
650.000	Repair and Maintenance Expense	E-8	(\$1,323)	To normalize maintenance expense.
660.000	Misc General – Mileage for Business Travel	E-11	195	To normalize mileage
681.000	Salaries	E-20	\$5,905	To include payroll expense
688.000	MO PSC Assessment	E-24	\$49	To update PSC Assessment
688.100	Other Regulatory Expense	E-25	(\$152)	To remove primacy fees
688.200	Rate Case Expense	E-26	\$259	To include rate case expense recovery
689.000	Misc General Expense – Telephone, Internet	E-27	(\$380)	To annualize internet and cell phone expense
689.100	Rents	E-28	\$801	To include allocation for office space
689.200	Maint of General Plant – Fuel for Mower	E-29	(\$191)	To allocate expense for lawn mower fuel
690.000	Uncollectible Expense	E-30	(\$21)	To normalize uncollectible expense
408.000	Property Taxes	E-39	(\$48)	To update Property Tax Expense
408.100	Payroll Taxes	E-40	\$694	To include payroll taxes

Agreement Attachment I

EMSU Report

#### **REPORT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVIEW**

Engineering and Management Services Unit Small Company Rate Increase Request Case No. WR-2015-0104 Spokane Highlands Water Company Patricia Smith and Mark Kiesling

The Engineering and Management Services Unit (EMSU) staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated an informal review of the customer service and business processes, procedures, and practices of Spokane Highlands Water Company (Spokane Highlands or Company) on November 4, 2014. The review was performed in response to the Company's request for a rate increase in Case No. WR-2015-0104, which was filed on October 22, 2014. This request includes a request for water tariff revisions to implement interim rates and special surcharges pending resolution of the small utility rate case procedure. The Company is requesting an increase of \$5,000 in its annual water system operating revenues, which request represents an increase of approximately 34.56% to the Company's annual water operating revenues.

The EMSU staff examined the Company's tariffs, annual reports, Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) complaint and inquiry records, and other documentation related to the Company's customer service and business operations. In preparation of this report, the EMSU staff submitted data requests to the Company and conducted interviews on December 19, 2014, with Company personnel located in Spokane, Missouri. The EMSU staff's review of the Company resulted in the following five recommendations for Company management:

#### THE EMSU STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT COMPANY MANAGEMENT:

- 1. <u>Develop and execute signed written contracts with contractors/technicians who provide</u> <u>outside services. This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of</u> <u>the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.</u>
- 2. <u>Develop written information specifying the rights and responsibilities of the Company</u> and its customers. This document should be mailed or delivered to each customer upon request and delivered or mailed to each new customer of the utility upon the

commencement of service. The written information should adhere to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.040(3). This recommendation should be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.

- 3. <u>Develop and implement a process to ensure all customer complaints received by</u> <u>Company personnel are documented and maintained for at least two (2) years.</u> <u>Documentation shall adhere to Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-13.040 and 4 CSR 240-60.010(4) and include the customer name, address, nature of the complaint, date of occurrence, as well as an explanation of what the Company has done to address the complaint. This recommendation should be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.</u>
- 4. <u>Develop and utilize time sheets to record the time associated with work assignments.</u> <u>This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of</u> <u>any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.</u>
- 5. <u>Store all customer payments and other important business documents in a locked,</u> <u>fireproof cabinet. This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of</u> <u>the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.</u>

The purpose of the EMSU is to promote and encourage efficient and effective utility management. These objectives contribute to the Commission's overall mission to ensure that customers receive safe and adequate service at reasonable rates while providing utilities the opportunity to earn a fair return on their investment.

The objectives of this review are to document and analyze the management control processes, procedures, and practices used by the Company to ensure that its customers' service needs are met and to make recommendations, where appropriate, by which the Company may improve the quality of services provided to its customers. The findings of this review will also provide the Commission with information regarding the Company's customer service and business operations.

The scope of this review focuses on processes, procedures, and practices related to:

- Meter Reading
- Customer Billing
- Payment Remittance

- Credit and Collections
- Customer Communication
- Complaints and Inquiries
- Time Sheets
- Service Calls and Maintenance
- Record Storage

#### <u>History</u>

The EMSU staff previously performed a customer service review of the Company in 2007 in Case No. QW-2008-0003. This review resulted in a written report and included recommendations for improvement in the areas of business operations, customer billing, and customer communications. The EMSU staff reviewed the Company's progress in implementing the recommendations and determined that additional follow-up was required. Company ownership has changed since the Company's prior rate case.

#### **Overview**

Spokane Highlands Water Company was originally certificated August 20, 1996. Raymond Ross and Vona Ross, the current owners, purchased the Company in 2009. T he Company currently provides water service to approximately 49 customers in its certificated service area, Spokane, Missouri, which is located in Christian County. A lthough there are twenty remaining lots in the subdivision, the Company has not experienced significant growth in the past few years. All business operations of the Company are performed from an office at the owners' residence, 290 Highland Drive, Spokane, MO 65754. The owners' property adjoins the property location of the pump house and well, which is the first lot upon entering the subdivision.

Raymond and Vona Ross perform the business operations of the Company, i.e., meter reads, billing, credit and collections and other duties. The Company does utilize a contractor for water tests. The work is performed by, Everett Williams an outside contractor. The Company does not currently have a contract or written agreement with Mr. Williams.

#### Meter Reading

The Company stated that it reads its customer meters around the last and first day of each month. This task requires one to two hours of time. The owner indicated that the readings have never been estimated. The owner records the readings on a steno pad with the date of the readings shown at the top of the page. Each month, all 49 customers and their previous month's meter reading are listed 1 through 49 on t wo sheets of the steno pad. With the customers' previous usage in the steno pad, the owners, who read the meters, are able to immediately determine meter reads that may have anomalies.

The customers' current meter reading is recorded and then transferred to the customer billing card and the usage is calculated. Each customer billing card displays the customer's name and address and has the following headings: previous reading, present reading, usage, amount due, amount paid and the date paid. Each customer billing card handles this information for one calendar year.

The amount due for water usage for each customer is also written on the appropriate customer line of the steno pad each month. The steno pad and the customer billing cards are stored in the owner's office. When a customer's usage is higher than normal, the owner telephones the customer to inform them of the high usage and determine if there is a problem.

The Company reads its meters each month and records the readings on a calendar. The owners maintain a record of meter readings and the customers' total usage each month.

#### **Customer Billing**

Following the calculation of the bill, the customer's postcard billing statement is manually completed, at which time the date of the previous and current meter readings are written on the bill, and mailed the day following the meter read, typically the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of the month. The postcard billing statement shown below is perforated; the customer returns the right side with their payment and retains the left side for their records.

SPOKANE HIGHLANDS v 290 Highland Drive • Spokan 417-830-1663 Account No Servic	MO 65754 290 High and Drive - Spokane, MO 63734
Present Reading	Present Reading
Previous Reading	Previous Reading
Gallons Used	Gallons Used
Current Amount	Current Amount
Arrears	Arrears
Late Fee	Late Fee
DNR Fee	DNR Fee
Net Amount Due	Net Amount Due
Service to:	Service to:
Due Date 22nd • Delique \$3.56 per 1,000 galle Minimum \$12.38 per mo	s \$3.56 per 1,000 gallons

Provided to Staff during onsite interview with Company

SPOKANE HIGHLAND 290 Highland Drive • Spol 417-830-166 Account No. 48 Ser	kane, MO 65754 3	SPOKANE HIGHLAND 290 Highland Drive • Spo 417-830-160 Account No. 15 Ser	kane, MO 65754
Present Reading 1/28	870990	Present Reading 28	948610
Previous Reading 19/29	867540 1	Previous Reading 19/29	945140
Gallons Used	3450	Gallons Used	3470
Current Amount	24.66	Current Amount	24.73
Arrears		Arrears	24.98
Late Fee	i	Late Fee	5.00
DNR Fee	1	DNR Fee	
Net Amount Due	24.66	Net Amount Due	54.71
Service	VT	Serv	AKER
Due Date 22nd • Deliquent 23rd \$3.56 per 1,000 gallons Minimum \$12.38 per month		Due Date 22nd • Delig \$3.56 per 1,000 ga Minimum \$12.38 per	llone

Present/Previous Reading (all data, including datesare manually written)

#### Payment Remittance

The customers' payments are due by the  $22^{nd}$  day of the same month statements are mailed and are considered delinquent on the  $23^{rd}$  day of the month. Currently, the Company's tariff allows a late charge of \$5.00 per month, not to exceed three months or \$15.00 to total amount due, per customer. Company's late charge is added to the customer's next month's bill.

The customer has the option of paying by check or cash. Customers either mail their payment or drop the payment in the lock box which is located on the owner's mailbox.

The Company stated that payments are manually recorded the day received. Bank deposits are stored and deposited typically twice per month.

#### **Credit and Collections**

The Company currently has signed applications from some of its customers. The Company stated that it requires a signed application from each new customer. Currently, the Company does require either the customer's social security number or driver's license number for identification purposes. The Company does not charge customers a deposit. A temporary disconnection of service charge for temporary disconnection of service at the customer's request of \$12.50 is included in the Company's tariff; however, the Company has not had any such requests.

Should a customer's service be disconnected for non-payment of a bill, the Company's tariff allows for a \$25.00 disconnect/reconnect charge. However, the EMSD staff was informed by the Company that it has never disconnected a service due to nonpayment.

The Company stated that it has not experienced any insufficient funds checks from customers; the Company's tariff does provide a return check charge of \$25.00 per check, should the need arise. A customer's final bill would be mailed to the address the Company has on record.

#### **Customer Communication**

The customers were informed of the anticipated rate increase through a letter, which were either hand delivered to customers or left at the customer's home. The Company does not have any customer brochures or other printed materials summarizing the rights and responsibilities of the Company to its customers. Commission Rules as well as other restrictions are available at the Company office.

#### **Complaints and Inquiries**

Customers with questions or concerns may call the owner's; the number is located on the customers' billing statement. Complaints and inquiries are handled by the owners within 24 hours of receipt. The Commission has no record of any complaints against the Company.

#### **<u>Time Sheets</u>**

The Company currently keeps a log of times needed to complete necessary jobs or projects performed by Company owners; itemized time sheets per job/per employee (owner) are not currently utilized by Company.

#### Service Calls and Maintenance

Company owners handle all repairs and maintenance for the water system and utilize their personal vehicle for Company work. The Company does not maintain a detailed comprehensive vehicle log for the miles it travels for utility Company business. Service calls and maintenance are addressed by the Company owners. Calls are returned within 24 hours and emergency calls are returned and worked immediately.

#### **Company Records**

The Company's records and all business documents are stored in the office at the owners' residence. C ustomer accounts are not stored electronically. M anual/handwritten records are kept in notebooks; duplicate copies/backup copies are not made.

#### Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations

The following discussion presents a summary of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations pertaining to the Company's customer service operations. Recommendations resulting from rule or tariff violations are specifically noted and associated with a 30-day implementation requirement. The information presented in this section focuses on the following five issues that require Company management's attention:

- Vendor Contracts
- Rights and Responsibilities Documentation
- Complaint and Inquiry Log
- Time Record
- Document Storage

#### **Vendor Contracts**

The Company does not have a written contract with its certified technician. The contracted technician tests and treats the water system on a monthly basis. A written contract would support that an agreement has been reached between the technician and the Company as to the job's duties, responsibilities, compensation and other necessary items.

#### THE EMSU STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT COMPANY MANAGEMENT:

Develop and execute signed written contracts with contractors/technicians who provide outside services. This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.

#### **<u>Rights and Responsibilities Documentation</u>**

The Company has not prepared comprehensive, written information documenting the rights and responsibilities of the Company and its customers. The Company is in violation of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.040(3) which states:

A utility shall prepare, in written form, information which in layman's terms summarizes the rights and responsibilities of the utility and its customers in accordance with this chapter. The form shall be submitted to the consumer services department of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and to the Office of the Public Counsel. This written information shall be displayed prominently, and shall be available at all utility office locations open to the general public, and shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each residential customer of the utility if requested by the customer. The information shall be delivered or mailed to each new customer of the utility upon the commencement of service and shall be available at all times upon request.

The availability of written information would provide useful facts relating to billing procedures, payment requirements, customer deposits, discontinuance of service, inquiries and complaints, and access to the Company, Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel. Written information would be a valuable educational resource for new and existing customers.

#### THE EMSU STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT COMPANY MANAGEMENT:

Develop written information specifying the rights and responsibilities of the Company and its customers. This document should be mailed or delivered to each customer upon request and delivered or mailed to each new customer of the utility upon the commencement of service. The written information should adhere to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.040(3). This recommendation should be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.

The EMSU staff provided the Company with a sample of this document utilized by previous owners.

#### **Complaint and Inquiry Log**

The Company does not record customer complaints. Customer inquiries are handled by the Company within 24 hours and no record of inquiry is kept once resolved. The Commission's Utility Billing Practices 4 CSR 240-13.040 specifies that utilities are required to maintain records on their customers for at least two years relating to "The number and general description of complaints registered with the utility." Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-60.010(4) applicable to company's states:

The utility shall maintain a file of customer complaints received on the service it provides. The file shall include the name and address, as well as the nature of the complaint and date of occurrence. A detailed explanation of what the utility did to correct the trouble which originated the complaint shall be recorded.

The lack of a complaint and inquiry log makes it difficult, if not impossible, for the Company to provide accurate documentation of the nature of its complaints and inquiries. The availability of documented complaint and inquiry information is a good tool which would enable Company management to evaluate the reasons customers contact the Company and determine if any measures could be taken to reduce customer contacts and improve customer satisfaction. The availability of documentation regarding customer contacts would also help to show the Company's responsiveness in addressing customer issues.

#### THE EMSU STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT COMPANY MANAGEMENT:

Develop and implement a process to ensure all customer complaints received by Company personnel are documented and maintained for at least two (2) years. Documentation shall adhere to Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-13.040 and 4 CSR 240-60.010(4) and include the customer name, address, nature of the complaint, date of occurrence, as well as an explanation of what the Company has done to address the complaint. This recommendation should be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in case WR-2015-0104.

The EMSU staff provided the Company with a sample of this document.

#### **Time Record**

Time records associated with Company work activity have not been developed. The Company asserts that hand-written notes of activities such as total time to complete certain tasks, have been completed; however, a comprehensive detailed itemization of actual time is not used.

Maintaining accurate time records can serve and support several managerial and regulatory purposes, such as planning, budgeting, verification, and human resources.

- Time records assist in tracking the amount of time employees expend on all projects.
- Time sheets create a record, serving as visual feedback of the work and projects that have been accomplished.
- Data contained in the time records should be linked to accounting records and provide the necessary support for financial reporting and allocation of costs. Employee time records are useful in the regulatory process to support the pay and benefits that regulated utilities will receive in customer rates.

#### THE EMSU STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT COMPANY MANAGEMENT:

Develop and utilize time sheets to record the time associated with work assignments. This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of the effective date of any Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.

#### **Storage of Customer Payments and Documents**

Customers' payments and important business documents are not kept in locked, fireproof storage. The Company's current practice is to keep customer payments in unlocked files until a bank deposit is made. Other important business documents are kept in ordinary files.

The lack of fireproof storage has several potential detrimental effects. In the event of a disaster, the customer payments and other important documents maintained in the office could be lost or destroyed. It could be difficult and time consuming to replace customer payments and to re-create important records.

Securing the Company's critical documents, such as customer payments, customer applications for service, meter reading records and other important Company business documents in fireproof storage would minimize the risk of loss and the labor-intensive process required to re-create customer data should a disaster occur.

#### THE EMSU STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT COMPANY MANAGEMENT:

Store all customer payments and other important business documents in a locked, fireproof cabinet. This recommendation should be completed within ninety (90) days of the Commission order issued in Case No. WR-2015-0104.

#### **Implementation Review**

The EMSU staff will conduct a review of the Company's progress regarding the implementation of the three recommendations made in this report.

Agreement Attachment J

Summary of Case Events

#### Spokane Highlands Water Company Case No. WR-2015-0104 Summary of Case Events

Date Filed Day 150 Extension? If yes, why?	October 24, 2014 March 23, 2015 No
Amount Requested Amount Agreed Upon	\$5,000 \$3,065
Item(s)/Dollar(s) Driving Rate Increase	Increase in Operating Costs
Number of Customers	49
Return on Equity	8.01%
Assessments Current Annual Reports Filed Statement of Revenue Filed Other Open Cases before Commission	Yes Yes Yes None
Status with Secretary of State	Good Standing
DNR Violations	No
Significant Service/Quality Issues	None

# Staff Participant Affidavits

James M. Russo – Water & Sewer Department

David Spratt - Water & Sewer Department

Joel Molina-Auditing Department

Derek Miles – Engineering & Management Services Department

Patricia Smith – Engineering & Management Services Department

#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

#### AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. RUSSO

In the Matter of a Rate Increase Request for ) Water Service by Spokane Highlands Water ) Company )

File No. WR-2015-0104

# STATE OF MISSOURI)) SSCOUNTY OF COLE)

**COMES NOW** James M. Russo, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is a Rate & Tariff Examination Supervisor in the Missouri Public Service Commission's Water and Sewer Unit; (2) that he participated in the Staff's investigation of the small company rate increase request that is the subject of the instant case; (3) that he has knowledge of the foregoing *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request* ("Disposition Agreement"); (4) that he was responsible for the preparation of Attachment A, E, F, G, and J to the Disposition Agreement; (5) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in Attachment A, E, F, G, and J to the Disposition Agreement; and (6) that the matters set forth in Attachment A, E, F, G, and J to the Disposition Agreement are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

James M. Russo

Rate & Tariff Examination Supervisor Water & Sewer Unit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of March, 2015.

LAURA DISTLER Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: June 21, 2015 Commission Number: 11203914

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#### OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID SPRATT

In the Matter of a Rate Increase Request for ) Water Service by Spokane Highlands Water ) Company )

File No. WR-2015-0104

#### STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) SS COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW** David Spratt, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is a Utility Operations Technical Specialist II in the Missouri Public Service Commission's Water and Sewer Unit; (2) that he participated in the Staff's investigation of the small company rate increase request that is the subject of the instant case; (3) that he has knowledge of the foregoing *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request* ("Disposition Agreement"); (4) that he was responsible for the preparation of Attachment G to the Disposition Agreement; and (6) that the matters set forth in Attachment G to the Disposition Agreement; and (6) that the matters set forth in Attachment G to the Disposition Agreement; and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

David Spratt

Utilities Operations Technical Specialist Water & Sewer Unit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of March, 2015.

LAURA DISTLER Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: June 21, 2015 Commission Number: 11203914

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#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF JOEL A. MOLINA**

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In the Matter of a Rate Increase Request for ) Case No. WR-2015-0104 Water Service by Spokane Highlands Water ) Company

# STATE OF MISSOURI

#### COUNTY OF JACKSON

COMES NOW Joel A. Molina, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is a Utility Regulatory Auditor in the Missouri Public Service Commission's Regulatory Review, Utility Services Department, Auditing Unit; (2) that he participated in the Staff's investigation of the small company rate increase request that is the subject of the instant case; (3) that he has knowledge of the foregoing Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request, ("Disposition Agreement"); (4) that he was responsible for the preparation of Attachments B, C & H to the Disposition Agreement; (5) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in Attachments B, C & H to the Disposition Agreement; and (6) that the matters set forth in Attachments B, C & H to the Disposition Agreement are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Joel A. Molima

Utility Regulatory Auditor Auditing Unit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this +1+h

day of March, 2015.

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TAMMY MORALES My Commission Expires January 7, 2018 Clay County Commission #14451086

#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF DERICK MILES, PE**

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In the Matter of a Rate Increase Request for ) Case No. WR-2015-0104 Water Service by Spokane Highlands Water ) Company

STATE OF MISSOURI ) SS COUNTY OF COLE

COMES NOW Derick Miles, PE, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is a Utility Regulatory Engineer II in the Missouri Public Service Commission's, Regulatory Review, Engineering & Management Services Unit; (2) that he participated in the Staff's investigation of the small company rate increase request that is the subject of the instant case; (3) that he has knowledge of the foregoing Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request, ("Disposition Agreement"); (4) that he was responsible for the preparation of Attachment D to the Disposition Agreement; (5) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in Attachment D to the Disposition Agreement; and (6) that the matters set forth in Attachment D to the Disposition Agreement are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

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Derick Miles, PE Utility Regulatory Engineer II Engineering & Management Services Unit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of March, 2015.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seat State of Missouri **Commissioned for Cole County** My Commission Expires: December 12, 2016 Commission Number: 12412070

Notary Public

#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PATRICIA SMITH

In the Matter of a Rate Increase Request for ) Water Service by Spokane Highlands Water ) Company ) Case No. WR-2015-0104

STATE OF MISSOURI SS. COUNTY OF COLE

**COMES NOW** Patricia Smith, being of lawful age, and on her oath states the following: (1) that she is a Utility Management Analyst III in the Missouri Public Service Commission's, Regulatory Review, Engineering & Management Services Unit; (2) that she participated in the Staff's investigation of the small company rate increase request that is the subject of the instant case; (3) that she has knowledge of the foregoing *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request*, ("Disposition Agreement"); (4) that she was responsible for the preparation of Attachment I to the Disposition Agreement; (5) that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in Attachment I to the Disposition Agreement; and (6) that the matters set forth in Attachment I to the Disposition Agreement; and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

Patricia Smith Utility Management Analyst III Engineering & Management Services Unit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of March, 2015.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County / Commission Expires: December 12, 2016 Commission Number: 12412070

Notary Public