

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

The Staff of the Missouri)	
Public Service Commission)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	<u>Case No. WC-2006-0029</u>
v.)	
)	
Missouri Utilities Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

TWELFTH PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Twelfth Progress Report states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On August 30, 2005, the Commission issued its **Order Directing Staff To File A Progress Report**, ("08/30/05 Order") wherein it directed the Staff to file a progress report detailing its efforts to identify a potential interim receiver for Missouri Utilities Company ("MU"), with that report to be filed no later than September 6, 2005.

2. As required by the Commission's 08/30/05 Order, the Staff filed a Progress Report detailing its efforts to identify a potential interim receiver for MU on September 6, 2005 ("09/06/05 Progress Report").

3. As a part of its 09/06/05 Progress Report, the Staff committed to file either a weekly progress report regarding the identification of a potential interim receiver for MU, or a notice advising the Commission that it has no new information to report, with such filings to be made on Tuesday of each week until this matter is resolved.

4. Consistent with the commitment it made in its 09/06/05 Progress Report, the Staff has made weekly update filings in this case.

5. Regarding the identification of a potential receiver for MU, the Staff has no additional or updated information to provide at this time, but does wish to refer the Commission back to the information provided in the Staff's Tenth Progress Report about Mr. Gary Cover expressing a willingness to act as the receiver for MU, under certain conditions.

6. Regarding the identification of a contract operator for MU's systems, the Staff has been advised that the individual that the Staff has had discussions with about acting as the interim receiver for MU has met with the contract operator that has expressed the most interest in operating MU's systems to discuss the details of that operator's estimate for operating the systems. However, the Staff has not yet been able to obtain the information about the specifics of the contract operator's estimate for operating MU's systems.

7. The Staff will be contacting the individual with whom it has previously discussed the possibility of acting as an interim receiver for MU within the next few days to obtain the information about the specifics of the contract operator's estimate for operating MU's systems. Assuming that meaningful information is obtained as a result of that discussion, the Staff will further discuss this situation with Mr. Cover.

8. The Staff notes that it will continue to file weekly progress reports, or will advise the Commission that additional information is not available and that a progress report will not be filed for a given week.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Twelfth Progress Report for the Commission's information and consideration in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Twelfth Progress Report have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 15th day of February 2006.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger