

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

In the Matter of the Application of Tri-State)
Utility, Inc., for a Certificate of Convenience)
and Necessity Authorizing It to Enlarge and)
Extend Its Service Area and to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage, and)
Maintain a Water System for the Public)
Located in an Unincorporated Area in Taney)
County, Missouri)

Case No. WO-2006-0241

STATUS REPORT

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

1. On December 6, 2005, Tri-State Utility, Inc. filed an Application with the Commission requesting authority to expand the certificated service area in which it provides water service in Taney County, Missouri.

2. On December 7, 2005, the Commission issued its **Order Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests**. In that order, the Commission established December 28, 2005 as the deadline for the submission of intervention requests in this case. No requests to intervene in this case were submitted by the established deadline, nor have any such requests been submitted since.

3. On December 30, 2005, the Commission issued its **Order Directing the Staff of the Commission to File a Status Report**. In that order, the Commission directed the Staff to advise the Commission of the status of this case through the filing of a status report on or before January 13, 2006.

4. The Staff has completed its initial review of the Application in this case and notes that the only issue to be resolved is a clarification of the expanded boundary description.

5. The Staff believes the boundary description issue can be resolved and the Staff's recommendation can be filed no later than February 10, 2006. To the extent this status changes, the Staff will so advise the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Status 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 Status 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 13th day of January 2006.

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