BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate,) Maintain, Control and Manage Water Systems) in Lincoln County, Missouri.

Case No. WA-2012-0018 YS-2013-0031 YW-2013-0032

RECOMMENDATION IN SUPPORT OF EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF TARIFF FILINGS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this Recommendation in Support of Expedited Approval of Tariff Filings with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), respectfully stating the following:

1. On July 19, 2011, Lincoln County Sewer & Water, LLC (Lincoln County) filed with the Commission an Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate, Maintain, Control and Manage Water Systems in Lincoln County, Missouri.

2. On June 27, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (Order). The Order required Lincoln County to file its tariffs per the schedule delineated in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 7, 2012, which included making the tariff filings 30-day filings.

3. On July 11, 2012, Lincoln County filed a Sewer Tariff (YS-2013-0031) and Water Tariff (YW-2013-0032) as well as a Motion for Expedited Treatment with the Commission.

4. On July 12, 2012, the Commission issued and *Order Establishing an Expedited Response Deadline,* giving Staff until July 13, 2012, to file a recommendation regarding expedited approval of the tariff filings. This filing complies with that order.

5. Staff supports Lincoln County's Motion for Expedited Treatment in this matter.

6. Further, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by Lincoln County and supports approval of those tariffs, as supported by the Affidavit of James. A. Merciel, Jr., attached and incorporated herein by reference herein as Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Recommendation in Support of Expedited Approval of Tariff Filings* for the Commission's information and consideration and asks that the Commission approve the tariffs on file in YS-2013-0031 and YW-2013-0032, and any other relief the Commission deems appropriate and just.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ RACHEL M. LEWIS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of July, 2012.

/s/ RACHEL M. LEWIS

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR., P.E.

STATE OF MISSOURI) SS COUNTY OF COLE)

James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E., of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is the Utility Regulatory Engineering Supervisor in the Water and Sewer Unit of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing *Recommendation in Support of Expedited Approval of Tariff Filings*; (3) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing *Recommendation in Support of Expedited Approval of Tariff Filings*; and, (4) that the matters set forth in the foregoing *Recommendation in Support of Expedited Approval of Tariff Filings* are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July 2012.

Notary Public

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Callaway County My Commission Expires: October 03, 2014 Commission Number: 10942086

Appendix A