

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

In the Matter of Roy-L Utilities, Inc. Request for)
Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues) **File No. WR-2016-0109**

In the Matter of Roy-L Utilities, Inc. Request for)
Increase in Sewer System Operating Revenues) **File No. SR-2016-0110**

PUBLIC COUNSEL’S POSITION STATEMENT

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC” or “Public Counsel”) and for its *Position Statement* states:

1. On November 9, 2015, Roy-L Utilities, Inc. (“Roy-L”) initiated small company rate increase proceedings with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting increases in its annual water and sewer system operating revenues.
2. On May 6, 2016, the Commission’s Staff (“Staff”) filed a notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request (“Company/Staff Water Agreement”) and notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Sewer Company Revenue Increase Request (“Company/Staff Sewer Agreement”) indicating agreements between Staff and Roy-L for an increase of \$10,858 in its annual water system revenues and an increase of \$8,574 in its annual sewer system revenues.
3. Revised tariff sheets reflecting the proposed rates agreed to in the Company/Staff Water Agreement and Company/Staff Sewer Agreement were filed by Roy-L on May 11, 2016. On May 16, 2016 Roy-L filed a substitute tariff sheet to correct a typographical error in the sewer tariff sheet filed on the 11th.
4. The Commission held a local public hearing on May 23, 2016. During the informal question and answer session prior to the hearing, members of Staff, representatives of the Company, and OPC spoke with a customer to discuss the proposed increases and answer

customer questions. At the hearing, one customer offered testimony explaining she understood the current rate increase but is only concerned about potential increases in the future.

5. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19) states, after a local public hearing is held, “public counsel shall file a pleading stating its position regarding the utility/staff agreement and the related tariff revisions, or requesting that the commission hold an evidentiary hearing, and providing the reasons for its position or request.”

6. Public Counsel now states it does not oppose the Company/Staff Water Agreement, the Company/Staff Sewer Agreement, or the related water and sewer tariff revisions and therefore does not request an evidentiary hearing in this case.

WHEREFORE Public Counsel submits its *Position Statement*.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 27th day of May 2016:

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