

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

In The Matter of Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC's) **Case No. WR-2017-0042**
Application to Implement a General Rate Increase in) Tracking No. YW-2017-0267
Water Service)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and hereby states for its *Staff Recommendation and Response*:

1. The compliance tariffs filed by the Interim Receiver for Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC (Company) on June 21, 2017, comply with the terms of the *Total Disposition Agreement*, filed on June 12, 2017. Thus, Staff *recommends approval of* P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 4 cancelling P.S.C. Mo No. 1, Original Sheet No. 4; and P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 5 cancelling P.S.C. Mo No. 1, Original Sheet No. 5.

2. On June 21, 2017, the Missouri Public Service Commission ordered Staff to file a response that indicated, pursuant to § 393.275.1 RSMo, whether the Company “operates in a city or county that imposes a business license tax. If it does, Staff shall provide the Commission with the name and address of that taxing authority, as well as a reasonable estimate of the annual increase.”

3. Upon its investigation, Staff has determined that the Company does not operate in any city or county that imposes a business license tax upon the gross receipts of utility corporations. Therefore, the Commission need not make the notification required by § 393.275.1, RSMo., with respect to the rate increases agreed-to by the parties in the *Total Disposition Agreement*.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will approve the filed compliance tariffs, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 parties and or counsel of record on this 26th day of June, 2017.

/s/ Jacob T. Westen

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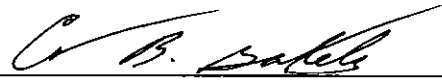
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AFFIDAVIT OF CURT B. GATELEY

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of Cole)

COMES NOW Curt B. Gateley, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation and Response*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

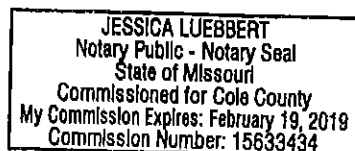
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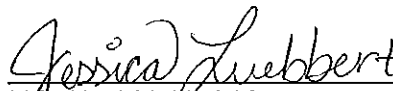


Curt B. Gateley

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 26th day of June, 2017.





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