BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Ridge Creek Water)
Company, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and	
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own,	File No. WA-2015-0182
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a Water)
System for the Public Located in an Unincorporated	
Area in Pulaski County, Missouri.)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 16, 2015 Effective Date: March 16, 2015

On February 6, 2015, the Commission issued an order setting a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene in this matter. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") filed a timely application to intervene.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3) authorizes the Commission to grant an application to intervene if the party has an interest different from that of the general public which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting intervention would serve the public interest. DNR is a state agency tasked with the administration of programs relating to environmental control and conservation. DNR also oversees compliance with the Missouri Safe Drinking Water Act. In its application, DNR expresses concerns about Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC's (hereinafter, "Applicant" or "Ridge Creek") compliance with Missouri law and safe drinking water regulations.

On March 6, Ridge Creek filed a response to DNR's application to intervene. Ridge Creek disputes some of the allegations made by DNR, but states it does not object to DNR's application to intervene.

The Commission finds that DNR's intervention will serve the public interest. Upon review of the application and Applicant's response, the Commission finds that DNR meets the standards set in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3). Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

The Commission will also direct the Commission's Staff to file a recommendation on Ridge Creek's *Application*.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' application to intervene is granted.
- 2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation on Ridge Creek's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity no later than April 16, 2015.
 - 3. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Kim Burton, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 16th day of March, 2015.