

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

In the Matter of the Application of the)
Branson Cedars Resort Utility)
Company LLC for Certificates of)
Convenience and Necessity Related to)
Water and Sewer Systems)

File No. WA-2015-0049

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and submits this status report in conformity with this Commission's Order of May 22, 2015:

1. On August 15, 2014 the Applicant filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate a water utility in Case No. WA-2015-0049. Subsequently, the Commission directed the Applicant to file an amended application to include a licensed attorney to represent the limited liability company. The amended application was submitted on August 21, 2014. On August 22, 2014, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests*. On December 17, 2014, Branson Cedars, Inc., sought intervention into the case, which the Commission granted. On October 29, 2014, Applicant filed its *First-Amended Application* with the Commission, correcting the entity name to list the name of the LLC which will actually operate the water utility and therefore hold the certificate of convenience and necessity.

2. By order dated September 16, 2014, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation in Case No. WA-2015-0049 by October 14, 2014. Staff requested its first extension of time to file its recommendation to November 14, 2014, in anticipation and expectation that the Applicant would be filing a parallel application for a

certificate of convenience and necessity to operate a sewer utility in the same location. That extension was granted by the Commission on September 30, 2014.

3. On October 29, 2014, the Applicant filed its application for sewer service in Case Number SA-2015-0107.

4. On November 6, 2014, the Commission consolidated the water and sewer applications into Case No. WA-2015-0049 and granted an extension of time for Staff to file its recommendation until February 2, 2015, consistent with the sewer application filing.

5. On January 28, 2015 Staff requested an extension of time based upon notification by the Applicant that documents needed to develop rate base were not in its possession and that it would not be able to obtain those documents from the prior owner of the system. The Commission granted that extension and ordered that Staff file its report by March 6, 2015. On January 28, 2015, Staff submitted its *Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation*, in which it requested an extension of time to file a recommendation to March 6, 2015. The Commission granted this motion on January 29, 2015. On March 5, 2015, Staff submitted another *Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation*, in which it requested an extension of time to file a recommendation to April 17, 2015. The Commission granted this motion on the same date.

6. On April 30, 2015 the parties met for a prehearing conference which brought to light several concerns from the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel). Currently Staff is working with Public Counsel and Branson Cedars to address concerns raised during the prehearing conference.

7. New data requests have been submitted to Branson Cedars. Staff is waiting for responses to these data requests in order to finalize a revised rate design. Staff expects to file a revised rate design within 60 days.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report for the Commission's information and consideration and respectfully requests that it be allowed an additional 60 days within which it file another status report or a final report in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all counsel of record this 5th day of June, 2015.

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