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The Honorable Colleen M. Dale Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Case Nos. WC-2006-0082, et al.

Dear Judge Dale:

Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced matters the original and five copies of Respondent's Motion to Continue Holding Pending Motions in Abeyance and for Scheduling of Second Prehearing Conference.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cathy J. Orler, Complainant, v. Folsom Ridge, LLC,

Respondent.

Case No. WC-2006-0082, et al.

## **RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE HOLDING PENDING MOTIONS IN** <u>ABEYANCE AND</u> FOR SCHEDULING OF SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Comes now Respondent, Folsom Ridge, L.L.C. (Folsom Ridge) and for its above entitled motion submits the following to the Commission:

1. In August and September of 2005, nine separate complaints were filed by individual homeowners against Folsom Ridge, LLC. Each complaint is somewhat different, but all allege that Folsom Ridge, Big Island Homeowners Association, or some combination of the two, is operating a water and sewer utility that should be subject to regulation by this Commission. The cases were consolidated by order of the Commission on November 4, 2005.

2. On December 8, 2005, a prehearing conference was held in the consolidated dockets and after lengthy discussion the parties agreed that all motions and further actions in these cases should be held in abeyance until January 9, 2006 so that Respondent could evaluate and supply a proposal to Staff and the complainants regarding transforming the water and sewer services to regulated enterprises. The Commission incorporated the parties' agreement into an order dated December 16, 2005 in which it ruled that all pending motions were held in abeyance until January 9, 2006.

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3. After giving the matter significant attention, Folsom Ridge believes that there is merit to establishing regulated water and sewer services in a service area in and around Big Island, but further submits that before applications for certificates are filed to achieve that goal, a second prehearing should be scheduled so that the parties may consider Folsom Ridge's proposal for regulated service and proposals by which to dispose of the instant complaints.

4. For the parties to conveniently confer and to avoid expenditures, which may be unnecessary, related to resolving or responding to pending motions, Folsom Ridge requests that the Commission continue to hold the pending motions in the consolidated cases in abeyance pending the outcome of the second prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the above and foregoing, Folsom Ridge prays the Commission schedule a second prehearing conference and until the outcome of that conference is known, hold all pending motions in these cases in abeyance.

Respectfully subplitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, to General Counsel's Office at <u>gencounsel@psc.mo.g</u>ov; and Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.mo.gov; and via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to:

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