

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of House Springs)
Sewer Company Request for a Small Company) **Case No. SR-2011-0274**
Rate Increase.)

**NOTICE OF UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT REGARDING DISPOSITION OF SMALL
COMPANY RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and on behalf of the Staff, House Springs Sewer Company, Inc. (House Springs or Company), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), known herein collectively as the Parties, files this *Notice of Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request (Notice)* stating the following:

1. On February 28, 2011, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) received a Rate Increase Request Letter (Request) from House Springs.
2. In its Request, House Springs asked for Commission approval of an increase of \$125,000 in its total annual sewer service operating revenues pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050.
3. Upon completion of its investigation of the Company's request, the Staff provided House Springs and Public Counsel with materials related to the Staff's investigation, as well as the Staff's initial recommendation for the resolution of the Request.
4. Subsequent to the Staff's investigation and pursuant to negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have reached a *Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition Of Small Sewer Company Revenue Increase Request (Unanimous Agreement)*, attached hereto as Appendix A, and incorporated by reference herein.

5. Included in Appendix A is a copy of the above-referenced *Unanimous Agreement*, as well as various other attachments related to the *Unanimous Agreement*. Additionally, Appendix A contains affidavits from Staff members that participated in the investigation of this matter.

6. The *Unanimous Agreement* provides for a zero percent (0%) increase in operating revenues.

7. In addition, the *Unanimous Agreement* provides the agreed-upon net rate base of \$246,003 in the Company's operating system.

8. Pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 (13), "[i]f the disposition agreement filed by the staff provides for a full resolution of the utility's request and is executed by the utility, the staff and the public counsel, the utility shall file new and/or revised tariff sheets, bearing an effective date that is not fewer than thirty (30) days after they are filed, to implement the agreement." Even though there is no change in rates, the Parties have updated the Company's entire tariff. Therefore, House Springs will file a complete revised tariff no later than August 1, 2011, seeking to implement the terms of the *Unanimous Agreement*. The tariff shall bear an effective date of August 31, 2011, in compliance with Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 (13).

9. House Springs has outstanding deficiency notices for its 2010 annual report and was notified of the deficiencies by the Staff on March 28, 2011, and July 12, 2011.

10. House Springs remains delinquent in the payment of a portion of its 2010 fiscal year assessment, as well as its 2011 and first quarter 2012 fiscal year assessments. The Company has made payment arrangements with the Commission's Budget and Fiscal Services Department to bring current the delinquencies.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this *Notice of Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* and the attached Appendix A for the Commission's information and consideration in this case and requests that the Commission enter an Order adopting the terms agreed upon by the Parties and contained herein.

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 counsel of record in EFIS this 28th day of July 2011.

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