OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Tri-State Utility, Inc.,)
for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing It to Enlarge and Extend Its Service Area) Case No. WA-2006-0241
and to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,)
Manage, and Maintain a Water System for the Public)
Located in an Unincorporated Area in Taney County,)
Missouri)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 22, 2006 Effective Date: February 22, 2006

The Commission seeks information concerning whether any notices of violation have been issued to the Applicant by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the number and nature of consumer issues which have arisen with the Applicant. The Staff of the Commission will be directed to determine these issues and file a pleading stating its findings.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading summarizing its investigation into consumer issues and Applicant's compliance with regulations of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on or before March 2, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on February 22, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22nd day of February, 2006.