

5. While not typical in these types of cases, Staff recommends and requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing so that the citizens residing within the proposed service area in Lincoln County will have an opportunity to hear about the potential for this particular company to become regulated to provide water and sewer service to their property, and possible impacts upon them should the Commission approve this *Application*.

6. Staff further requests that a local public hearing be scheduled at the earliest possible date, so that Staff is able to address any new concerns prior to filing its recommendation in this matter.

7. This *Request* is not filed for the purposes of delay.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Request for Local Public Hearing* to the Commission for its information and consideration, and respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of July, 2011.

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