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

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate	)	
Increase Request of Gladlo Water & Sewer	)	Case No. WR-2009-0418
Company, Inc.	)	YW-2010-0253

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS AS FILED

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets As Filed* states the following:

- 1. On May 20, 2009, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") received a Rate Increase Request Letter ("Request Letter") from Gladlo Water & Sewer Company, Inc., ("Gladlo" or "Company").
- 2. Staff and Gladlo were able to reach an agreement ("Disposition Agreement") regarding the resolution of the Company's rate increase request, which Staff filed in this case on October 7, 2009.
- 3. On October 8, the Company filed tariff sheets bearing an effective date of November 30, 2009, and reflected terms and rates in accordance with the Disposition Agreement.
- 4. On November 13, 2009, The Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed its Position Statement in this docket, in which it stated that while it did not agree with the Disposition Agreement and related tariffs, it would not oppose the approval of such by the Commission.
- 5. In the Disposition Agreement's Part (1), under the heading <u>RESOLUTION OF THE</u> <u>COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST</u>, the Disposition Agreement refers to a tariff effective date of December 7, 2009. That date was included in the Disposition Agreement in error. The date which had been contemplated throughout the drafting process was, in fact, November 30, 2009.

- 6. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission either allow the tariff sheets to take effect by operation of law, or enter an order approving them to become effective on November 30, 2009.
- 7. Staff has discussed this situation with OPC, and OPC has indicated that while it maintains its reservations concerning the Disposition Agreement, as stated in its November 13 filing, it would not oppose the treatment recommended by Staff, herein.
  - 8. Undersigned counsel apologizes for this error, and any resultant confusion.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission either allow the tariff sheets to take effect by operation of law, or enter an order approving them to become effective on November 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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