

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

In the Matter of Lake Region Water & Sewer)	
Company's Application to Implement a General)	File No. WR-2013-0461
Rate Increase in Water and Sewer Service)	

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO
LAKE REGION'S LIMITED APPLICATION FOR REHEARING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Lake Region's Limited Application for Rehearing states as follows:

1. On May 29, 2014, Lake Region Water & Sewer Company (Lake Region) filed a Limited Application for Rehearing with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). In its Application, Lake Region limited its request for rehearing strictly to the Commission's conclusion that it has statutory authority, hence jurisdiction, to consider availability fees, which are fees charged by a non-utility entity for non-utility services, in determining whether Lake Region's proposed rate increase is just and reasonable.
2. On May 30, 2014, the Commission issued an Order requiring the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and Public Counsel to file a response to Lake Region's Limited Application for Rehearing no later than June 5, 2014.
3. Public Counsel now states that it opposes Lake Region's Limited Application for Rehearing.
4. The undersigned counsel has prepared a detailed response including arguments in support of Public Counsel's opposition to Lake Region's Limited Application for Rehearing. However, due to the press of business, internal reviews of the filing could not be accomplished before the

close of business. Public Counsel fully intends to file these suggestions as soon as possible on June 6, 2014.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its response.

Respectfully submitted,

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