BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Water Rate Increase Request of Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc.))))
Consolidated with,)))
In the Matter of the Sewer Rate Increase Request of Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc.)))))

Case No. WR-2016-0064

MOTION FOR THREE DAY EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Hillcrest), by and through counsel, and for their *Motion for Three Day Extension* in these matters hereby state:

1. On September 15, 2015, Hillcrest filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting that the Commission approve increases in its annual water and sewer operating revenues, which resulted in the Commission opening two cases, Case Nos. WR-2016-0064 and SR-2016-0065. On October 9, 2015, Staff filed a *Motion to Consolidate,* which the Commission granted on October 21, 2015, consolidating both cases under Case No. WR-2016-0064. Hillcrest and Staff filed a joint *Motion for Extension* to extend the requirement to file an executed disposition under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(11), by 10 days. The Commission granted that extension and set as the new filing date February 26, 2016. The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Request for a Local Public Hearing, which was set for Wednesday March 9 and held accordingly. Prior to the February 26, 2016, due date, Staff and Hillcrest requested an additional extension to the disposition agreement filing

date to accommodate for further settlement discussions. The Commission extended the filing date and ordered the parties to file a disposition agreement no later than March 18, 2016.

2. Staff, Hillcrest and OPC have conducted further settlement negotiations, and Staff and Hillcrest have reached agreement on some but not all of the issues in this matter. However, the logistics of settlement discussions in this matter as well as the parties' involvement in other pending matters prevents a partial disposition agreement from being filed today.

3. To that end, the parties believe that a partial disposition along with a request for evidentiary hearing and procedural schedule will be completed no later than the end of the day Monday March 21. Counsel for the Company has indicated that it approves of this extension.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will approve this *Motion for Three Day Extension*, order a partial disposition and a procedural schedule be filed no later than Monday March 21; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 18th day of March, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/Whitney Payne