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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
West 16 <sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Company, W.P.C. Sewer	)	
Company, Village Water and Sewer Company,	)	
Inc. and Raccoon Creek Utility Operating	)	File No. SM-2015-0014
Company, Inc., for Raccoon Creek to Acquire	)	
Certain Sewer Assets and, in Connection	)	
Therewith, Issue Indebtedness and Encumber	)	
Those Assets.	)	

## RESPONSE TO OPC REQUEST FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Raccoon Creek" or "Company") and, in response to the Office of the Public Counsel's Request for Local Public Hearing, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On October 24, 2014, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its Request for Local Public Hearing. Among other things, OPC states that it "does not object to the Commission scheduling the hearing promptly, as long as customers are given sufficient notice."
- 2. Raccoon Creek does not object to holding a local public hearing. However, as this matter has been on file since July 14, 2014, Raccoon Creek would request that any such hearing be conducted promptly (perhaps the week of November 10, 2014, if possible), so that this matter can proceed to resolution thereafter.

WHEREFORE, Raccoon Creek respectfully requests that the Commission consider this response and, if the Commission agrees a local public hearing is necessary, schedule such a

hearing at the soonest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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