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Secretary of the Commission Service Commission Missouri Public Service Commission Attn: Data Center P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

## Dear Secretary:

TBJ Sewer Systems, INC. holds certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services in Franklin County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated sewer utility service in October of 1997. The Company currently provides service to approximately 81 residential sewer customers and 1 commercial sewer customer within its certificated service area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for sewer service were last changed in September of 2011.

Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-3.030, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$10,000 in its annual sewer system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately 28.33% in the Company's annual sewer system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staffs review of the rate increase request, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process. The Company would like to request that all of the plants are considered one system as part of this rate case and that the Commission will establish one rate for all customers.

The specific reasons for the requested increase in the Company's annual operating revenues includes: increases in utility plant investment; increases in operation and maintenance expenses; and lack of new customers due to the economy.

Furthermore, the Company requests a waiver of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), requiring notice to be filed with the secretary of the Commission a minimum of sixty days prior to filing a small company rate case, because the Company needs to have new rates take effect as soon as possible and the Company cannot wait an additional sixty days to file.

Lastly, I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments the filing of its Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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