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Via FedEx

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RE: Aqua/RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc.
Requests for Increases in Annual Water System Operating Revenues
MO PSC Sewer Utility & Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures

Dear Secretary Roberts:

Aqua/RU Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc. ("Company") holds certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Barry, Stone, Taney, Greene, Christian and Benton Counties, Missouri. The company currently provides service to approximately 1,109 water customers in its certificated areas in accordance with its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's rates for water service are currently the same as those established when the Commission authorized AquaSource to adopt the former Riverside Utility Company tariffs on file with the Commission on April 13, 1999.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.330 and 4 CSR 240-3.635, the Commission's rules pertaining to rate increase requests made by small sewer and water utilities, respectively, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$330,464 in its annual water system operating revenues. Based on current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents approximately 131% in the Company's annual water system operating revenues. The filing reflects a consolidation of the revenue requirements of Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua/RU, Inc. and Aqua Development Company. The company is consolidating all of its Missouri rates into one uniform tariff, whereby Aqua Missouri, Inc, Aqua/RU, Inc. and Aqua Development Company will share one single tariff.

The Company believes that single tariff pricing is appropriate and in the best interest of the Company and its customers. The water and wastewater systems depict the most difficult facts of the capital intensive water and wastewater utility industry---too many, too small and no economies of scale. In all of Missouri, the three legal entities serve only 1,581 water and 2,037 wastewater customers. One of the companies, Aqua Development, serves only 16 customers. The 3,600 customers are spread among 67 systems, 10 of which are water and 57 of which are wastewater. The number of customers served by each wastewater system ranges from 3 to 424 and the number of water customers per system ranges from 49 to 423. All water operations are served by a groundwater source of supply and storage and are otherwise operationally similar. All of the wastewater systems are serviced by small plants and are otherwise operationally similar. Management support for all of the water and wastewater systems is the same. Likewise,

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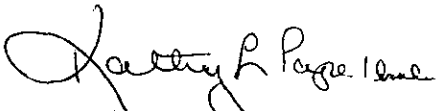
although the Company's eleven utility workers are geographically assigned, all are available and trained to provide service to any of the 67 systems. None of these systems could borrow funds on its own nor could they sustain the costs of any capital or increased expense.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for water service include: increases in utility plant investment; increases in operation and maintenance expenses; increases in the Commission's annual utility assessments; changes in the number and type of customers served; and other inflationary pressures.

Lastly, please be advised that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments (all past and current assessments have been paid in full and 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy L. Pape".

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