BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc. to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

File No. WA-2019-0185

ORDER SETTING TIME FOR OBJECTIONS TO MAKING PORTIONS OF THE TRANSCRIPT (VOLUME 3) PUBLIC AND SETTING DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF LATE-FILED EXHIBIT 406

Issue Date: September 25, 2019

Effective Date: September 25, 2019

On September 17, 2019, a hearing was held in this matter. A portion of the hearing was *in camera* and that volume of the official transcript has been marked "Confidential" in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS). In order to make as much of the testimony public as possible, the Regulatory Law Judge has redacted Volume 3 of the hearing transcript so that only the numbers remain confidential. The Commission will set a deadline for any objections to making the redacted version of Volume 3 public.

Additionally, the record was held open for post-hearing Exhibit 406, a letter regarding violations from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Unless there is an agreement of the parties to extend the briefing deadlines, the Commission will set a deadline by which Exhibit 406 must be filed. If not filed by that date, any request to file post-hearing evidence must be accompanied by a motion to reopen the record showing good cause to allow the additional evidence.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any objections to the Commission making the attached redacted version of the Transcript, Volume 3 (*In Camera*), a public document, shall be filed no later than September 30, 2019.

2. Any exhibit, including post-hearing Exhibit 406, filed after September 30, 2019, must be accompanied by a motion to reopen the record.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of September, 2019.



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3		3	MR. COMLEY: Thank you very much. I intend to
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7		10	A. I'm there, sir.
8		11	Q. And this would represent the weighted average
9 10		12 co	st of capital projections or cash flow statement for
11		13 yo	our company; is that correct?
12		- 14	A. That is correct. Those are our pro forma
13			atements.
14		16	Q. Join me in looking at the customer revenue
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16			at you've set aside for years one, two and three on
17			is schedule. You have noted that the revenue for year
18			we will be \$284,877; is that correct?
19		20	A. That is correct.
20 21		21	Q. And that represents what you would be getting
22		22 in	a revenue from the current rate structure for Osage
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5	JC-3C for a moment. I see that you have a total	5	public session as we can. So if you have questions that
6	operating expense in years one through three projected	6	are related to the schedule but are not specifically the
7	of approximately \$520,000?	7	numbers, because it is the numbers that we're concerned
8	A. That is correct.	8	about being confidential; is that correct, Mr. Cooper?
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11	selected yet. We bid our contract operations every	11	and hold those until we go back on the public session.
12	group of systems we put together. So we would bid these	12	MR. ELLSWORTH: I can try to do my best in
13	out to four or five qualified operations companies and	12	that. Thank you, Judge.
14	then take those costs.	13	JUDGE DIPPELL: That's fine. I just want to
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2	2 shown on the JC-3C. At that time you indicated that
3	3 CSWR anticipates being able to secure debt using system
4	4 assets and interest rate of less than 10 percent, an
5	5 interest rate of 9 percent was expected. That's how you
6	6 calculated it. Do you recall that testimony or that
7	7 response?
8	8 A. I do not recall the response.
9	9 Q. But today you believe you can get 7 percent,
10	10 not 9 percent?
11	11 (End of in-camera proceedings.)
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17 (REPORTER'S NOTE: Judge Dippell requested	17
18 page 105, line 21 through page 106, line 21 be made part	18
19 of the in-camera proceedings. This is Continued	19
20 Cross-Examination by Mr. Ellsworth.)	20
21 Q. Okay. I wanted to clarify that. Also on a	21
22 data request issued to you by the Office of Public	22
23 Counsel they asked you with respect to financing, please	23
24 describe the details, conditions used to calculate the	24
25 amounts of the total project, loan principal and	25
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