

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

In the Matter of the Request for Increase in)	
Annual Water System Operating Revenues)	<u>File No. WR-2025-0292</u>
For Environmental Utilities, LLC)	

JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) on behalf of itself, Environmental Utilities, LLC d/b/a Golden Glade Water System (“EU”), and the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), and for its *Joint Response to Order*, respectfully states as follows:

1. On April 21, 2025, EU filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), requesting a rate increase – initiating a small utility rate case under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.75.

2. The Commission issued an order on April 28, 2025, directing Staff to file a joint response by May 6, 2025, listing recommended dates and locations for a local public hearing.

3. Staff filed a *Status Report and Motion for Extension* on May 6, 2025, asking the Commission to extend the filing deadline to May 13, 2025. The Commission granted Staff’s request for an extension on May 7, 2025.

4. Staff has conferred with EU and the OPC and compiled mutually available dates for all parties to hold one ***virtual***, local public hearing in the ***evening***. EU, Staff, and the OPC are available on the following dates:

- June 24, 2025
- July 8-10, 2025
- If none of the above dates work for the Commission, the parties propose July 2, 2025.

4. The dates proposed above occur after the 60-day deadline for local public hearings prescribed under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(6). As such, the parties respectfully request that the Commission waive this requirement as authorized under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.75(15), and assert that good cause for the waiver is present because scheduling conflicts prevented the local public hearing from being held within the 60-day deadline.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Joint Response to Order* for the Commission's consideration and prays the Commission grant the requested waiver, as well as further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andrea B. Hansen

Andrea B. Hansen

Legal Counsel

Missouri Bar No. 73737

Attorney for the Staff of the

Missouri Public Service Commission

200 Madison Street

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Phone: (573) 522-1243

Fax: (573) 526-1500

E-mail: Andrea.Hansen@psc.mo.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 13th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Andrea B. Hansen