

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

Office of the Public Counsel)	
)	
v.)	Case No. WC-2007-0038
)	
Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc.)	

CENTRAL JEFFERSON'S RESPONSE
TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc. (Central Jefferson or Company), and, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission) Order Directing Filing, issued April 11, 2007, states as follows:

1. On April 11, 2007, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing in which it directed the parties to state whether this case should proceed to hearing, or be dismissed. The Commission pointed out that a transfer of Central Jefferson's system to the Jefferson County Public Sewer District (Sewer District) was authorized in Commission Case No. SO-2007-0071, and that once that transfer has been completed, the Commission will have no jurisdiction over the Sewer District's rates.

2. Central Jefferson agrees that this matter is not likely to have any import on a going forward basis as any Commission order in regard to rates would only have prospective impact. Even if the hearing were held as currently scheduled, it would be at least another 75-90 days before the transcript could be completed, the case briefed, a Commission decision issued and new tariffs (if necessary) filed.¹ The transfer of the

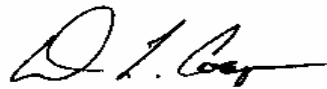
¹ It is also possible that a resolution will be further delayed as the Office of the Public Counsel has indicated an intent to call as witnesses persons that, as of this point in time, have not filed testimony in this case. If such testimony is allowed, due process may require that Central Jefferson have the opportunity to respond to these witnesses before the close of the record, which will likely delay further the proceedings.

assets to the Sewer District will almost certainly be completed prior to the end of that period and no purpose will be served by a hearing.

3. This having been said, perhaps a third alternative should be considered by the Commission. Rather than either proceeding to hearing on April 30, or dismissing the action, the Commission could continue this matter to a date near the end of June. Such an approach would allow enough time for the transfer to close and still allow the Commission to move forward, if it does not.

WHEREFORE, Central Jefferson respectfully requests that the Commission continue the hearing in this matter, or, in the alternative, dismiss the complaint.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first electronic transmission, on this 18th day of April, 2007, to the Christina Baker, Office of the Public Counsel and to Keith Krueger, Office of the General Counsel, Missouri Public Service Commission.

